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BCBC budget receives a mixed reaction in the county - see page 19.

North Cornelly man is jailed for robbery

A VULNERABLE pensioner was locked in his own home by a man who wanted money for drugs, Cardiff Crown Court has heard, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.

The man, aged 71, was put into a headlock by his attacker and in fear he handed over his credit card, said prosecutor Richard Ace.

Keith Coombes, 40, of Lougher Place, North Cornelly, admitted a charge of robbery and was jailed for three years, nine months.

He received a further three months to run consecutively for the breach of a suspended sentence which had been imposed for an offence of burglary.

Judge Timothy Petts told him: "You knew each other. You knew he had money available and you followed him into his house."

He added: "You left your victim shaken and he was insecure in his own home. You targeted a vulnerable victim."

Mr Ace said that on September 16 last year, Coombes approached the victim and went into his home, locked the door from the inside and asked for his bank card. Coombes became angry and "his face was contorted with hate and rage".

He put the pensioner into a headlock and such was his fear that he handed over his credit card.

The victim immediately cancelled the card. Coombes was arrested a short time later and claimed that at the time he was at home, watching a football match on television.

His solicitor, David Sedgewick, said: "He does not take issue with the facts. He had known the victim for a few months. There was no planning involved, no punch, no head butt. He is ashamed. At the time, he needed money for his heroin habit."

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Quizzers present Y Bwthyn with cash boost for garden club

Pictured with members of the staff at Y Bwthyn are John Dickinson, Helen Embling and landlady of The Prince of Wales, Chloe (far right).

ON February 19, representatives of the Prince of Wales charity quiz night patrons were delighted to visit Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, to present the staff with a cheque for £1,000.

The presentation took place in Y Bwthyn's garden and part of the donation will go towards the weekly gardening club at the centre, where patients have been working hard to enhance and maintain the area.

John Dickinson and Helen Embling, trustees of the 'Thursday Night Quiz', presented staff with the cheque, with will be used to enhance the care of patients at Y Bwthyn in the purchase of equipment and funding of therapeutic activities.

The weekly quiz at The Prince of Wales, Coychurch, is run by Chloe and begins at 8.45pm every Thursday. The £1 weekly entry per person has enabled thousands of pounds to be donated to local good causes over the last 20 years.

Appeal for witnesses following fatal collision

SOUTH Wales Police are appealing for witnesses following a fatal road traffic collision in LLangewydd Road, Bryntirion, Bridgend.

A blue Ford KA car was involved in the single-vehicle collision which occurred at around 11.20am on February 20 in which a 40-year-old local man died at the scene.

His family have been informed and are being supported by specially trained officers.

The road was closed for some time to allow for investigation work to be carried out.

Officers would like to speak with anyone who witnessed the collision, anyone who may have dash camera footage of the incident, or anyone who witnessed the manner of driving of the Ford KA prior to the collision.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Serious Collision Investigation Unit at South Wales Police via 101, quoting the occurrence number 1900063195.

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Empty properties will no longer have council tax discount

OWNERS of properties in Bridgend which have been empty for more than six months will no longer receive a 50 per cent council tax discount from April, after councillors voted to end the arrangement.

The local authority wants to see the county's long-term empty properties brought back into use and hopes ending the discount will help.

It is estimated that around 1,240 people will be affected by the changes.

It is part of a wider strategy to deal with empty homes which involves using enforcement action such as Compulsory Purchase Orders, enforced sales, and taking over the management of properties.

Under the plans, the 50 per cent discount will no longer apply to: properties remaining empty and unfurnished after the initial six-month exemption; properties under renovation for longer than 12 months; properties remaining empty after the six-month probate exemption has expired; properties unoccupied but furnished and actively marketed for let or sale.

The council ended the 50 per cent council tax discount on second homes and holiday lets in 2000.

Council officers have said that ending the discount could mean an additional £933,000 could be raised in council tax in 2019-20.

Due to the way Welsh Government calculates the annual funding grant for local authorities at present, the council will not benefit in direct financial terms from the additional money.

Officers also said that full collection is "not a realistic assumption" due to there being an element of non-payment.

Councillors voted unanimously to end the discount at a full council meeting on Wednesday, February 20.

Liz Bradfield, LDR

Bridgend Bridge Club results

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, February 20: First, Geoff Tinkler and John Henson; equal second, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham, and Dave Lea and Graham Norris. The winners on handicap were Geoff Tinkler and John Henson.

On Thursday, February 21: First, Clive Edwards and Joan Ralph; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Stuart Davies and John Henson. The winners on handicap were Clive Edwards and Joan Ralph.

On Friday, February 22: First, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan; equal second, Dave and Debbie Lea, and Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. The winners on handicap were Chris Rawlings and Teresa Griffiths.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Before Thursday afternoons session, at 1pm, Steve Burgoyne will continue his series of seminars on the rules of bridge.

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Website teaches the importance of conservation grazing

A NEW website has been created to help children learn how the managed grazing of cows, sheep and horses plays a key role in preserving biodiversity in our countryside.

Conservation grazing helps to control any aggressive and invasive plants and creates habitats which encourage pollinators, ground nesting birds, butterflies and other species to flourish.

Developed by Bridgend County Borough Council and funded by EU grants, a new 'Digital Shepherd' website is packed with lesson plans and resources that schools can use to educate pupils of all ages about the importance of conservation grazing.

The website also explains how people should behave more responsibly around livestock.

The 'Digital Shepherd' website can be found at www.bridgendreach.org.uk/digital-shepherd.

New footbridge in Country Park

WORK is underway on a new footpath into Bryngarw Country Park following investment from construction company Willmott Dixon.

The 50-metre tarmac footpath will replace the decommissioned bridge and provide pedestrian access into the 113-acre park from the main Brynmenyn entrance, and two new marked crossing points.

Fundraising feast for green charity

THE Porthcawl-based environmental charity, Sustainable Wales, is holding a fundraising Fairtrade dinner on Thursday, March 7, at 7pm in the Dockside Bar and Grill, Porthcawl.

Details of the meal (three course) can be found on www.sustainablewales.org.uk/fabmeal and tickets are available from SUSSED, James Street, Porthcawl (telephone 01656 783962).

Readers' Letters

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GEM reader asks why the Autism Bill failed

HEALTH and Social Care is one of Wales' devolved powers. Under that power, the Welsh Assembly is in control of care, treatment and diagnosis of people who have autism. Very recently, the leader of the Conservative group in the National Assembly for Wales put a bill to the Assembly.

The bill would have improved diagnosis of autism, helped local authorities and health boards understand and take action so that people with autism would've got necessary support; created a register of autistic children and adults so that local areas can plan and regularly review Wales' autism strategy.

The bill was defeated 28 votes to 24. The 24 votes came from Conservative AMs, UKIP AMs and Plaid Cymru AMs. All 28 votes were Labour.

When questioned by me, Vale AM Jane Hutt claimed that the bill did not meet the needs of the autism community in Wales.

If that was the case, why was it endorsed by Wales' autism community? If other political parties can support it, why can't Labour? It was, I believe, a simple game of party politics which has had an impact on thousands of autistic people in Wales.

Name and address supplied.

The GEM approached Jane Hutt and the local branch of the National Autistic Society (NAS) for comment.

Mrs Hutt was unable to respond by the given deadline, but Carolyn Webster, Treasurer, NAS Bridgend said: "This is the second time that an Autism Bill has been proposed by the Welsh Conservative Party. Each time, Welsh Labour has been whipped to vote against this important Act.

"In Wales, we have had an Autism Strategy since 2008.

"That the autism community in Wales is so desperate to have an act 11 years after this strategy was implemented is evidence in itself that the strategy is not working.

"The National Autistic Society has campaigned long and hard for the voice of Wales' 34,000 strong Autism Community to be heard. Welsh Labour continues to choose not to hear those calls and play party politics with people's lives."

Marriage looked at from all angles

ST Illtyd's, Newcastle branch of The Mothers' Union held its February meeting in church and took a look at the importance and sanctity of marriage while also enjoying a quiz on the laws surrounding Anglican marriage.

As part of the fun side of the evening, there was 'dressing up' and enjoyment of a 'wedding breakfast' too.

Members shared their wedding memories and brought photos of their special days.

Research into long-standing wedding-day traditions had borne much fruit and was shared during the evening. Have any readers ever considered holding their weddings in church but haven't known where to start or who to ask?

Fr David would be glad to give advice on who your local priest is, and what requirements are involved, probably far fewer than you think nowadays.

Mrs Vicarage

'Why has MP been so reticent?'

FOLLOWING the recent resignations from both the Labour Party and The Conservative Party, I read with interest your recent online articles in which Chris Elmore MP made his commitment 'never to leave the Labour Party' and the Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP 'remaining a committed member of the Conservative Party and Government, focusing on delivering the result of the 2016 referendum.'

Most striking of all, was the lack of response from the MP for Bridgend Constituency, Madeleine Moon.

Does this mean that she is going to leave the Labour Party, or that she doesn't want to communicate with the residents in Bridgend Constituency about her intentions, or indeed, both.

The people she represents deserve to know.

Cllr Carolyn Webster, Conservative Councillor for Newcastle Ward.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
28 Thur	00.57	7.7	13.32	7.5
01 Fri	02.20	7.4	14.59	7.6
02 Sat	03.43	7.7	16.16	8.0
03 Sun	04.42	8.2	17.07	8.3
04 Mon	05.26	8.7	17.47	9.0
05 Tues	06.03	9.1	18.22	9.3
06 Wed	06.39	9.4	18.55	9.5
07 Thurs	07.12	9.6	19.25	9.6

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Local social worker is removed from Register for breaching confidentiality and inappropriate behaviour

A SOCIAL worker has been removed from the Register of Social Care Workers after a Social Care Wales hearing found her fitness to practise was impaired because of her serious misconduct.

Lucy Bagnall was accused of multiple serious failings in relation to her work as a social worker at Bridgend County Borough Council and Compass Fostering.

The hearing was told that Ms Bagnall breached confidentiality when she shared confidential information she learned as a social worker in online messages and made derogatory and defamatory remarks about a couple whose grandchildren had been taken into care.

Ms Bagnall was also accused of forming an inappropriate personal relationship with a foster carer she had been assigned to supervise.

She was accused of breaching confidentiality by sharing confidential information about her work with the foster carer, and failing to protect the child being fostered by not disclosing that the child was being allowed to watch inappropriately scary films.

The hearing was also told that she colluded with the foster carer to suppress this information.

Ms Bagnall did not attend the two-day hearing at the Holiday Inn in Cardiff last week.

Having heard and seen all the evidence presented, the panel found that Ms Bagnall's fitness to practise was currently impaired because of her serious misconduct.

Explaining the reasons for its decision, the panel said: "In our judgement, each of the matters we have found proved represent conduct that falls short of what would be proper in the field of professional social care practice.

"Indeed, the factual findings we have made around Ms Bagnall's failures to observe confidentiality, failures to have regard to her duty to protect and inform, and failures to observe professional boundaries cross the threshold for serious misconduct."

The panel continued: "In our view, Ms Bagnall poses a current risk to individuals using services. We consider that in the absence of any insight or remorse, it is unlikely that Ms Bagnall would make different decisions or behave differently in the future.

"We are of the view that there is a real risk of repetition of the conduct we have found proved in this case."

The panel decided to remove Ms Bagnall from the Register with immediate effect, saying: "On the evidence before us, only a Removal Order will be adequate in Ms Bagnall's case."

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Sixth Form survey reminder for residents

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is reminding local residents that they can have their say on the future of post-16 education before a public consultation closes on Wednesday, March 13.

Currently there are sixth forms in every secondary school in Bridgend county borough, varying in size from 76 to 347 pupils. Around 40 pupils also attend the sixth form provision at two special schools in the county borough, while Bridgend College also provides a range of vocational pathways for approximately 2,000 learners aged 16 to 18.

The council's public consultation, which has been open since the start of December, asks whether sixth forms should be kept as they are or whether alternative options could better meet the needs of local students.

The options include: closing all sixth forms and instead developing a state-of-the-art sixth form centre, which would either be governed by the local authority or a further education college; having a mixture of school sixth forms with some mergers to create a new sixth form centre run by either the local authority or a further education college; or having a full tertiary model governed by the further education sector.

Separate arrangements are being proposed for Welsh-medium and faith education. It is suggested that the collaboration between Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd and Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llanhari in Rhondda Cynon Taf should continue to develop, with Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School continuing to form close relationships with other sixth forms and Bridgend College. A full review of post 16 provisions for young people with additional learning needs is also being carried out.

Throughout the consultation process parents, staff and governors have been attending a range of sessions in secondary schools across the borough to discuss the potential options and share their views.

A few additional sessions have also been arranged:

Monday, March 4 – Cynffig Comprehensive School at 5pm.

Tuesday, March 5 – Pencoed Comprehensive School at 4pm.

Tuesday, March 5 – Bryntirion Comprehensive School at 6:30pm.

Wednesday, March 6 – Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School at 6pm.

Monday, March 11 – Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd at 5pm.

These consultation sessions are open to any parents and carers of both primary and secondary school age pupils (who attend any local school) or anyone who has an interest in the future of post-16 education in the local area.

Cllr Charles Smith, cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "While there are many positive factors to the way post-16 education is currently running here in Bridgend county borough, there are unfortunately some negatives too. For example, due to the limited number of subjects that are on offer in some sixth forms, pupils aren't always able to take the subjects they would like to.

"We are carrying out this public consultation to hear the views of local residents, pupils and governors so that we are able to weigh up the pros and cons of each option."

As well as an online bilingual survey available on the consultation pages of the council's website, paper copies can be accessed by calling the consultation team on 01656 643664 or collecting from the Civic Offices in Bridgend.

A report on the outcomes of the consultation will be provided to cabinet members in April, and further public consultation will then be held before any final decision is taken.

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'ASD units are not the answer for all' says councillor

A CENTRE for pupils with autism will open in a Welsh-medium primary school in Bridgend county later this year.

The learning resource centre at Ysgol Calon Y Cymoedd in Pontycymmer will be for eight pupils at Key Stage 2. It will be run by one teacher and two support staff.

Education officers said the opening date of September 2019 is a potential date and timescales could move. Cabinet members approved the plans at a meeting on February 19.

Council leader Huw David said: "It's our first learning resource centre in a Welsh-medium primary school for pupils with autism. It's critical where children are educated through the medium of Welsh and have autism that we can provide the right resources for them in the language in which they are being educated."

A consultation took place at the end of 2018 with staff, governors, parents and pupils of the school and the wider community.

A statutory notice outlining the proposals will now be published for 28 days. If any formal written objections are made the plans will come back before cabinet members. If there are no objections, then the centre will be created as planned.

Over the last two years, BCBC has set aside around £300,000 for new learning resource centres for pupils with autism in both Welsh-medium and English-medium schools.

In response to the announcement, Cllr Carolyn Webster, chair of a BCBC scrutiny committee with, primarily, responsibility for education, said: "While I welcome this investment in Welsh Medium Provision for children with autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) in Bridgend, this doesn't ease my concerns regarding the availability of specialist Welsh language teachers.

"As mentioned in a public consultation I attended last week, Welsh medium teachers are in short supply and I have concerns that these posts will be filled straight away.

"On a wider note, as more and more children are being diagnosed with ASD, this local authority needs to start looking at a specialist ASD provision within the county.

"Units within mainstream schools are not the answer for all touched by autism."

Liz Bradfield, LDR/GR

Berwyn Centre legacy pays for a major revamp of Nantymoel club

THE Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club has undergone tranformation – costing £350,000 – to create a 'community hub and heritage centre' for the Ogmore Valley.

The centre now features a full-size sports hall, a café, leisure and recreation rooms equipped with pool tables and large-screen smart TVs, baby changing facilities, space for meetings, full disabled access and more.

The refurbishment has been carried out using technical innovations such as an 'infra-red heating system, digital information displays and Wi-Fi throughout the building'.

As well as providing a permanent base for the community policing team, the building will also act as the new Ogmore Heritage Centre, a visitor attraction which will use the existing community route to link with Bryngarw Country Park and form the new Ogmore Valley Heritage Trail.

Featuring proposed bicycle hire facilities at Bryngarw and 'voice-app information displays' placed along the route, the trail will finish at the new heritage centre, which will act as a bike-friendly venue complete with repair stands, pumps and bike racks.

The Deputy Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) Cllr Hywel Williams said: "When the former Berwyn Community Centre had to be demolished because of its structural issues, the council pledged to invest in a replacement facility.

"The Nantymoel Boys' and Girls' Club is a landmark venue with a proud history in the Ogmore Valley, but this upgrade and refurbishment has helped to secure a new future for it as well.

"It will continue to act as the home of the Boys' and Girls' Club while also serving the community as a fully modernised hub suitable for a wide range of uses.

"With new artwork and community seating planned for the site of the former Berwyn Centre, this has been a real partnership effort, and I want to thank everyone who has helped to deliver this fantastic new facility for the people of the Ogmore Valley."

The project has been supported by BCBC, Ogmore Community Council, Friends of the Berwyn, Reach Rural Development, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales, Logicor Group, Rockwool, the Welsh Church Act Fund, the Rural Communities Development Fund, Matthews Removals and the Wales Co-operative Centre.

The project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

BCBC Spokesperson

The newly refurbished Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club will act as a community hub for groups such as Ageing Well, here seen with Cllr Phil White, BCBC cabinet member for social services and early help.

Tribute evening

THE Bridgend and Porthcawl Fundraising Group for Marie Curie is holding a Tom Jones tribute evening on Friday, March 1 at Taffy's Tavern (at the bottom of Park Street).

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Council attempts to cut number of 'out-of-county' placements

THE way that children receive care and support in Bridgend county borough will be improved after a 'remodellin'g of placement service for looked-after children, a spokesperson for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has said.

The improvements include developments at two local care homes, which, it is hoped, will prevent children from having to be placed outside of the area.

The spokesperson said: "Maple Tree House has been refurbished to provide an environment for children aged between eight and 18.

"The staff can get to know them within a comfortable, homely setting as they develop a better understanding of what long-term support may be required.

"While their needs are being assessed, staff are on hand 24-7 to offer the children the right type of practical and therapeutic support."

The spokesperson added that four short-term assessment beds as well as facilities for two emergency placements, should mean that Maple Tree House should play an important role in helping to keep children within the area instead of having to be placed further away.

"As part of the remodelling, the Sunnybank residential home has also been developed so that it can offer levels of support for children and young people who need to be cared for in a residential setting over a longer period."

The spokesperson also said that the service is recruiting and training transitional foster carers who, it was said, will help young people move towards the goal of being able to live with a foster carer long-term.

"Other aspects of the remodelled service include supported lodgings and supported living schemes which are helping young people over the age of 16 to prepare to live independently."

Cllr Phil White, cabinet member for social services and early help, said: "We recently remodelled our service for looked-after children to create more flexible placement options, and Maple Tree House forms an important part of this strategy.

"In future, we will be able to offer children and young people more local placements within the county borough that are closer to home.

"BCBC and its partners are committed towards safeguarding and protecting the health, well-being and rights of local children and young people. Maple Tree House, Sunnybank and the remodelled placement service will help strengthen our efforts to ensure that people can live free from harm, abuse and neglect."

BCBC SPOKESPERSON

Maddison is the spelling bee champ!

LAST week, the senior hall at St Clare's School, Porthcawl was buzzing with excitement for their first Spelling Bee.

The six primary schools which had accepted the challenge were Coychurch, Cwmfelin, Maes Yr Haul, Oakleigh House Prep, St Mary's RC, Trelales and of course St Clare's Prep. Competition was fierce, with each school's top year 5 or year 6 spellers all competing to be the Spelling Bee champion.

Pupils were required to spell a word in front of a panel of two judges, as well as a large audience of teachers, pupils and parents. The atmosphere in the hall was intense but thanks to English teacher, Mrs Burns' smooth compering, the last two pupils managed to stay calm throughout the competition, and they were able to answer every question thrown at them within the time limit.

Despite the tremendous pressure of the final round, Maddison Phillips, a year 5 pupil from Trelales managed to overcome all the obstacles of the competition to become the Spelling Bee champion. In second place was Keyaan Iqbaal from St Clare's Prep.

Proud mum Claire said: "Maddi's always loved reading since a young age. She spends most of her time going to dance classes but in her spare time loves to read. It's her 10th birthday so it's been a very special week for her, as she's also taking part in the Eisteddfodd in school tomorrow."

The Spelling Bee judges were actress and writer Karen Paullada, and Prof Roy Thomas from Swansea University. We can't wait for next year's Spelling Bee and hope that even more primary schools will want to compete.

Pictured are Judges, Prof Roy Thomas and Karen Paullada, with Maddison.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club news

BRIDGE has never been associated with romance, but on the St Valentine's Day club night, the club awarded a novelty prize to the mixed pair who did best in a Heart contract; Dil and Marian Evans.

Latest results are: February 9: First (equal), Pat Roper and John Cobby; Roger Plant and Betty Longley.

February 14: First, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second, Dil and Marian Evans.

February 16: First, Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth; second, Tony Haworth and John Beard.

February 21: First, Rob Charlesworth and John Beard; second, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre; Thursdays (6.45pm-9.45pm); Saturdays (3.15pm-6.15pm). Visitors are welcome at any time; to contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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Plaid holds public meeting

POLITICS in Ogmore has seen a new lease of life following fresh activity in the area.

Rhondda AM Leanne Wood recently paid a visit to Pencoed to host a public meeting with residents alongside local Plaid Cymru member Cllr Luke Fletcher. Activism at a community level was the main topic for discussion and how it was key to getting positive results at a local level.

Penprysg councillor Luke Fletcher said: "Public meetings like this one are key to engaging people all over Wales, ensuring that they get the opportunity to raise concerns as well as offer their opinions on pressing matters in the world today."

Leanne Wood AM added: "Community activism like this is key to getting things done. It's so refreshing to see someone like Luke, who is young and creative in his thinking, taking an interest in the community he has grown up in. It was a great atmosphere and it was clear to me that everyone present had great ambitions for their communities and is ready to get active!"

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ABOVE:
Staff at Anwen Care Home with manager Meriel John (centre), flanked by Mitul Shah and Huw Irranca-Davies.

Care home donates prize money to Alzheimer's Society Cymru

A South Wales dementia centre is donating its prize money from a national competition – plus a generous donation of its own – to the Alzheimer's Society Cymru.

Anwen Care Home, in Heol Pant-Yr-Awel, Bridgend, has won a place in the final of the prestigious Pinders Healthcare Design Awards following a £5million refurbishment project embracing the very latest advances in dementia-friendly design.

To celebrate, the care home welcomed Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies, the former Welsh Minister for Children and Social Care, to present a £2,000 cheque to the society in support of its ground-breaking research.

The donation includes £500 in prize funding for making the final and has been topped up with a £1,500 donation from Anwen and group owners Care Inn Ltd.

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "Congratulations to Anwen on being the only home in Wales to be shortlisted for the Pinders Design Award.

"As a big supporter of Anwen, I am delighted to present this cheque. Well done everyone and keep up the good work."

The Pinders Healthcare Design Awards honour the best health-care led developments across the UK. Judged by a team of experienced healthcare valuers, architects, developers, lenders and care operators, entries are assessed against a rigorous list of criteria, with the best singled out for the final.

Anwen Care Home has been nominated in the regeneration category and representatives from the home will now attend an awards ceremony in London on March 13.

Almost 100 local jobs have been created since work began developing Anwen Care Home in 2014.

Construction workers spent four years upgrading disused buildings belonging to the previous care home, which closed in 2012.

Sanjiv Joshi, director of Care Inn Ltd, said: "We are absolutely delighted we've made it through to the final, especially since the other two chosen finalists in our category are incredible projects of a magnitude of five to ten times our own project.

"The Alzheimer's Society is very close to our hearts. My mother-in-law in India has Alzheimer's, Anwen manager Meriel John's father had Alzheimer's and we are a specialist dementia centre. We all felt this donation was an appropriate way to celebrate."

Sue Phelps, country director for Alzheimer's Society Cymru, said: "There are currently 45,000 people living with dementia in Wales – that number is set to rise to 100,000 by 2055. Alzheimer's Society Cymru campaigns for change, funds research to find a cure and supports people living with dementia in Bridgend and across the UK.

"We want everyone affected by dementia to know that whoever you are, whatever you are going through, you can turn to Alzheimer's Society for support, help and advice. You can call our national Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 11 22 or 03300 947400 (Welsh language) or visit alzheimers.org.uk."

Concerns over closure of school 'nurture' unit in Betws Pimary

A FACILITY at a Bridgend primary school which focuses on enabling a child to reintegrate into a mainstream classroom is set to close in the next few months.

The 'nurture provision' at Betws Primary School, which has space for eight children, is to close, saving the council around £50,000.

Children currently using it will either be reintegrated back into mainstream school or move to the foundation phase of The Bridge, a specialist unit in Brynmenyn.

The Bridge is for pupils of both primary and secondary age who have a range of social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Education officers say the foundation phase is being introduced at The Bridge for 12 pupils providing the opportunity for pupils to be reintegrated into their mainstream schools at an earlier stage if appropriate.

The same transport for pupils will be provided as it is to the Betws nurture class.

A consultation on the planned closure was held at the end of 2018.

Councillors at a cabinet meeting on February 19 authorised the publication of a 28-day statutory notice period which will take place to allow for any formal objections to be made about the closure. If there are any, the decision will go back before cabinet members.

Education officers have said the £50,000 savings will be reallocated within the primary school's budget.

Betws Primary School currently has 228 pupils between the ages of three to 11. The school identifies around 42 per cent of pupils as having additional learning needs; the national average is 21 per cent.

In response, Cllr Carolyn Webster, chair of a BCBC scrutiny committee with primary responsibility responded, saying: "Nurture groups are a short-term, focused intervention for children with particular social, emotional and behavioural difficulties which are creating a barrier to learning within a mainstream class.

"Should this closure go ahead, The Welsh Conservative Group in Bridgend shall continue to monitor the attainment of the children who will no longer have access to this nurture group to ensure that their education targets are met and to ensure that standards do not fall in the wider school."

"These are the day-to-day effects of the continual reduction in budget being forced onto local authorities by the Welsh Labour Government, actions which hurt the many, not the few."

Liz Bradfield, LDR/GR

Christmas Swim and Carnival organisers celebrate record year

The Buckaneers' committee members who organise Porthcawl Carnival and Porthcawl Christmas Swim.

Prostate Cymru received the largest donation (£7,000). Tina Tew of Prostate Cymru and David Brace receive the cheque from swim committee chairman Dave King.

Norah and Mike Clarke have been ever-present at the Christmas Swim, dressed as Mother and Father Christmas. They received an award to mark this, from Marilyn Richards.

The Buckaneers, who organise both the Porthcawl Christmas Swim and the Porthcawl Carnival, invited more than 20 local groups to the Hi-Tide Inn recently to present them with donations.

The two events enjoyed ideal weather conditions last year, which goes some way to explaining the fact that the combined total raised by the events was a record £24,000. This year's main beneficiary was Prostate Cymru, which started life almost 20 years ago in Cowbridge, and Tina Tew, the chief executive, and David Brace, the president, received a cheque for £7,000 from Dave King. Mr King added that Prostate Cymru had been a great help in guiding swimmers to raise cash through platforms such as justgiving, and he felt this was a definite factor in raising more cash this year. The remaining £17,000 was shared out between more than 20 local charities and organisations.

A presentation was made to Mike and Norah Clarke, for appearing as Father and Mother Christmas at the swim.

Meet more of The Chorus Line hopefuls

Clockwise from top left: Lili Smith, Meg Morris, Richard Price, Olivia Baglow, Eddy Osborn (all Porthcawl)and Genna Chester (Cowbridge).

IT'S almost showtime for the members of the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) as they prepare for this weekend's opening of their annual show – and this time it's the classic *Chorus Line.*

In the run-up to the show, The GEM has been introducing some of the cast members, and today it's our final half dozen.

The show, where the director wants the dancers auditioning to bare their souls, as well as demonstrating their dancing ability, is a musical that gives about 16 cast members a chance to step forward into the limelight and tell their character's story.

With dance routines requiring precision and timing, and dialogue that is sharp, knowing and witty, it's a great test of talent, and BYT director Roger Burnell is confident that the young cast are up to the challenge.

The last time the BYT performed Chorus Line, on stage were Aneurin Barnard, Amy Morgan, Katie-Elin Salt and Allyn Hawke all now regulars on stage, TV or (in Aneurin's case) on the Big Screen in films such as Dunkirk.

Who knows who will lay down a marker this year?

Chorus Line is at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Friday, March 1 (7.30pm), and Saturday, March 2 (2.30pm and 7.30pm).

Welcome to 'Borthcawl' – row breaks out over road sign

ONE thing that is guaranteed to cause a row in Wales is badly translated phrases in Welsh – and new road signs in Porthcawl have done just that.

Two identical signs have appeared on the road into the town, soon after Danygraig, and Welsh speakers are very unhappy about the phrase 'Croeso'r Porthcawl' which, in fact, translates as 'Welcome the Porthcawl'.

In reality, the phrase 'Welcome to Porthcawl' translates as 'Croeso i Borthcawl' – the P mutates to a B in Welsh, something that English speakers frequently find a puzzle.

Social media has been a mix of outrage and amusement, and there has been speculation that the translator was trying to come up with a phrase that avoided a mutation, so as not to confuse visitors.

The more forgiving comments have suggested that 'Croeso'r Porthcawl' could be read as 'Porthcawl's welcome'.

As is usually the case, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has been getting a kicking for the error but, when The GEM rang to ask what action the council would be taking, a relieved spokesperson said that the signs had been put in place by Porthcawl Town Council (PTC).

The GEM contacted PTC, but was told that the council would not be commenting at the moment.

Busy year ahead for Kenfig choir

FOLLOWING its sell-out St David's Day concert, Kenfig Hill & District Male Voice Choir's diary is looking full for this year, with some exciting ventures in store.

We look forward to a number of events. We will be raising money for the Porthcawl National Coastwatch Institution at a concert in The Grand Pavilion on March 28, and there will be a concert in aid of Cost of Cancer at Margam Abbey on April 13.

The patron's concert in May this year, which is always an enjoyable evening, is at a change of venue – Cefn Cribbwr Rugby Club.

Preparations are underway for our tour to Selby Abbey at the end of May and for our joint concert with a visiting choir from Ireland in June, which will be followed by a wedding at the Vale Country Club; and of course the highlight of the year, the annual concert at the Grand Pavilion in July.

More information can be found at www.facebook.com/KHMVC/ on our website at www.kenfigwelshmalechoir.org.uk, or contact the secretary, Tony Ulberini at tonyulberini@gmail.com Tel: 07866 742452.

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AM asks for focus on Active Travel Act

HUW Irranca-Davies AM is the Assembly Member for Ogmore, and chair of the Cross-Party Group on Active Travel.

He is also a daily "utilitarian" cyclist, cycling to work and events, and is calling for Wales to make a success of its active travel legislation.

The Active Travel Act was passed in 2013 with the aim of reducing congestion on the roads, encouraging people to be more physically active, reducing pollutants and combating climate change by encouraging more people to choose walking and cycling over the car for short journeys.

The aim is to make cycling and walking in Wales 'the most natural and normal way of getting about', and he will ask ministers to set out how they will make that a reality.

Mr Irranca-Davies is leading a Member's Debate in the National Assembly for Wales that calls for "…the Welsh Government to refresh its ambition for active travel in Wales by producing a comprehensive active travel strategy including ambitious targets and a detailed plan for long term investment in active travel infrastructure".

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "Getting more people walking and cycling has to be a top priority for Wales. We are facing a public health crisis as a lack of physical activity gives rise to lifestyle diseases that place massive burdens on our NHS. We also have major problems with air quality around many of our roads.

"The Active Travel Act is a great piece of legislation but after six years of frankly disappointing progress on the number of people choosing active travel, it is time for the government to step up a gear and make the Act realise its full potential."

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Councillor explains why he voted against police precept rise

A BRIDGEND councillor who sits on a panel scrutinising South Wales Police said he voted against a rise in its precept because he could not accept the policy behind it.

The amount that council taxpayers will contribute to policing in south Wales goes up 10.28 per cent from April. The force decided to press ahead with the hike for 2019/2020 despite the South Wales Police and Crime Panel refusing to back it, and asking Police and Crime Commissioner Alun Michael to come back with a smaller increase.

Asked at a full Bridgend council meeting on February 20 which way he had voted, Richard Young, cabinet member for communities said: "I voted against the increase.

"It's not that I was prepared to vote against an increase for the police and it's not that I couldn't accept this high level, it's because I couldn't accept the policy behind it."

He said South Wales Police had suffered "cut after cut" over the last few years and was now at a level which was below what it received before 2000.

"Although the city of Cardiff lies within the South Wales Police borders there is no uplift for policing a capital city, like police in Scotland get for policing Edinburgh and the Northern Ireland police service get for policing Belfast.

"There is no recognition that Cardiff is a capital city at all, that is unacceptable. The terrorist threat in Cardiff, I would suggest, has increased because of that.

"We have approached the Welsh Secretary to help us make a presentation to the Home Office on that but as yet we have had no joy."

He added: "The other reason is that this is a deliberate policy by Westminster. The Home Office agrees that the police need more money but they are not prepared to fund it – by doubling the precept, they are now passing their responsibility on to the individual and I object to that.

"Had they come back and given us a range of between 5 per cent and 10 per cent, then I would have looked at that with some favour and argued for an increase; but I couldn't vote for 10.28 per cent.

"I could not support the policy from Westminster."

Cllr Matthew Voisey (Conservative) who had asked Cllr Young how he had voted said the increase was "extraordinary". He said: "I know the Home Office authorised the increase but taking the maximum that they [South Wales Police] possibly can is crazy.

"The sooner we get rid of Police Commissioners and let police constables run the services the sooner the better. Even though it was a good idea at the time, it's clearly not in the interests of the taxpayer."

The precept charged by South Wales Police is added to the council tax bills in all the areas covered by the force, which includes Cardiff, Swansea, Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr. The hike amounts to an extra £24 per year for someone living in a band D property – a rise of 46p a week.

South Wales Police has to make more than £7 million of savings over the coming year, having already made £51 million cuts since 2011/2012.

Liz Bradfield,Local Democracy Reporter

Council discusses plans to tackle homes left empty or derelict

THE launch of a confidential online reporting service and the use of enforced sales are among some of the plans being drawn up by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to tackle hundreds of empty homes in the county.

The local authority is cracking down on owners who have left empty residential properties in a state of disrepair. In addition to using Compulsory Purchase Orders, enforced sales and taking over the management of properties, BCBC is also looking at increasing council tax premiums on properties empty for two years or longer.

A public consultation is currently under way on the council's new empty properties strategy which points out that bringing an empty property back into use can reduce vandalism, arson or squatting, increase property values, and enhance the viability and vitality of town centres.

At a scrutiny committee meeting on February 25, councillors welcomed the new focus. Cllr Matthew Voisey said: "I think we need to make people who own these properties aware that we will use the strategy and the legislation we have in our powers of enforcement.

"I think there's been a potential for people to think the council won't do it, but we need to show we have the teeth and are prepared to bite."

In June 2018 there were 1,225 private sector residential properties empty for six months or more, which accounted for two per cent of the county's residential properties. Almost half had been empty for two or more years while a third had been empty for six to 12 months. In October the council recruited an officer dedicated to bringing empty properties back into use in Bridgend.

Updating councillors on the progress being made, head of performance Martin Morgans said: "We've developed a five-stage process and a new information pack, we've realigned our grant process and expressions of interest, and we've gone out to consultation.

"We have also been taking some of the properties through the process. We have sent out 91 letters to date and we've made 60 physical contacts, 31 of those requested grant information and we've had further interest around expressions of interest for grants.

"We've had 47 positive responses – that's where property owners decide to take remedial action in terms of bringing their property back into use and, in some cases, they have put their property on the market."

BCBC is aiming to bring between 60 to 70 empty homes back into use over the next year. Earlier this month councillors voted to end the 50 per cent council tax discount given to owners of properties which have been empty for more than six months.

The council has also set aside a fund of £100,000 to help with housing renewal and, if necessary, enforcement.

The council is in discussions with registered social landlords about running a pilot project in which they would support the maintenance and management of empty properties, should the owners 'wish to take away the stress' of dealing with them.

Properties can be left empty long-term for a number of reasons; such as unresolved ownership following a death, bankruptcy, or repairs and renovations being too expensive. The strategy aims to increase the availability of housing for sale or for rent – and does not include commercial properties which will be part of a separate strategy.

Mr Morgans said the council was hoping an online service would be set up by the end of March to enable people to report empty homes and issues linked with them.

He said: "It will be linked to the My Account provision so when people sign up to it they can report multiple things like fly-tipping, dog fouling, street lighting and empty properties."

During the meeting Cllr Stuart Baldwin suggested the local authority should look at creating training and apprenticeship opportunities to enable unemployed people to gain skills in doing up empty properties.

Cllr Voisey said there needed to be a national policy change where unbanded houses were rebanded, to act as an incentive for property owners to bring them back into habitable use. He said: "Perhaps we need to write to the Valuation Office and our MPs to ask them to change the rules.

"We have to use all levers in our armoury. We need to have the same strategy for commercial properties as well. We often hear of properties being gutted or the roof being taken off to avoid paying tax." Properties are not banded by the Valuation Office if they are not complete and fit for habitation.

Officers said that unbanded properties have remained "hidden" from previous empty properties lists, but action would be now taken to identify the number and location of them. Most of the empty properties are in and around Maesteg, Porthcawl, and Bridgend town centres.

The council is planning to focus on these areas saying the properties are more likely to be brought back into use due to the attraction of being close to town centre amenities.

A public consultation on the empty properties strategy runs until April 28.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Pontycymer man had child pornography on his computer

A Pontycymer man who was found in possession of hundreds of images of child pornography denied being responsible and blamed someone else, writes AJ SICLUNA.

That innocent person was interviewed by the police who discovered that 46-year-old Paul Thomas had been lying, said prosecutor Rachel Knight at Cardiff Crown Court.

Thomas of Nant-yr-Ychain pleaded guilty to three charges of possessing indecent images of children and one of possessing extreme pornography.

He was sentenced to 36 weeks imprisonment, suspended for two years, and made subject to a rehabilitation requirement.

Judge Christopher Vosper told him: "Blaming someone else was unworthy of you."

Ms Knight said the police went to Thomas' address where he handed over his computer.

A hi-tech crime unit found a total of 627 images. There were 85 of category A, the most serious, 72 of category B, one movie and 469 of category C.

In addition, there were 16 videos of extreme pornography.

Thomas was arrested and told the police "That's odd," and claimed it might have been someone else responsible for the criminality.

He completely denied searching the net for child pornography.

"And he went on to deliberately attach the blame to someone else."

This person was found to be completely blameless.

His counsel, Matthew Roberts, said: "He has insight into his offending. He also has some mental health issues."

He described Thomas as "rather lonely, living an isolated life".

Thomas was ordered to register as a sex offender for seven years.

Maesteg Male Voice Choir performs

ON Friday, February 22, Maesteg Male Voice Choir performed at a concert in the Masonic residential home in Porthcawl.

A packed out hall were very appreciative and give a standing ovation at the end. Huw Morgan, the choir's musical director made use of this performance as a run through for their annual concert on March 2 at Maesteg Town Hall.

Huw has worked extremely hard for the choir, bringing traditional Welsh hymns, songs from the shows and some comical items which proved a success.

Laura Deenik, the choir's accompanist played beautifully and showed how lucky the choir are in having her talents: she is an excellent pianist. The finale of the concert was something which was different to the choir's normal routine and they are really looking forward to performing it next Saturday, and it should prove a winner for the expected full house.

'Grab the window of opportunity' urges local AM over Ford

THE Welsh Government has been urged to make the most of what is being called a "window of opportunity" so that jobs at Ford's Bridgend plant can be secured for the future.

Suzy Davies, Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, reminded Welsh Government that Honda's misfortunes should not distract it from the threat of job losses at the Ford plant in Bridgend, but Welsh Government should be using this time to help both supply chain businesses find new contracts.

Asking urgent questions of the Welsh Government, Mrs Davies said: "In the two-year period before job losses hit, Welsh Government should be working to help secure opportunities for supply chain companies for both Ford and Honda.

"This window of opportunity is available.

"Last week I asked Welsh Government's Brexit Minister to prioritise marketing the Welsh expertise in the automotive industry across the world in order to attract more companies to set up in Wales. It was disappointing therefore to hear from the Deputy Minister for Economy today that Welsh Government is 'working together' but he could not shed any light on what Welsh Government is actually doing to promote Wales abroad.

"Wales is home to the only motorcycle engineering programme in the UK. With this as well as City Deals to boost investment and Enterprise Zones to support businesses, Welsh Government should be shouting from the rooftops to multi-national companies about why they should come here.

"All he could say is that the Minister would write to me. Ford workers and the many residents who work for companies they rely on will expect a lot more than that."

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Latest from the Bridgend Quiz League

BRIDGEND Quiz League results for February 25 are as follows:

Tondu Railway Club 51, Five Bells A 39; Laleston Inn A 44, TyRisha Arms 50; Crown Maesteg 45, Mackworth Arms 42.

Division 2:

Six Bells Clangers 2; Oddfellows Arms – no match Cabo Roche 55, Laleston Inn B 36;

Five Bells B 40, Prince of Wales Coychurch 44; Chatterton Shunters 57, Pheasant Gamekeepers 46.

Here are your quiz teasers:

1. Which is the only UK county to have two separate coasts?

2. Tin-Tin Kyrano is a character in which long-running children's TV programme?

3. Who is the patron saint of music?

Steve Kingscott (sec. BDQL).

Answers: 1. Devon; 2. Thunderbirds; 3. St Cecilia.

Man is jailed

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Mr Sedgewick said that at times, Coombes, who has learning difficulties, suffered from anxiety and depression.

A restraining order was made, preventing the defendant having any contact with the victim.

Church celebrates a Golden Jubilee

ON Sunday, March 10 All Saints' Church in Southerndown will be 50 years old.

These days the little church on the coast road is part of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Parish, and parishioners from the surrounding churches and communities are warmly invited to be part of the special birthday celebrations.

The Bishop of Llandaff, the Right Reverend June Osborne, will lead the Jubilee Service on March 10 at 3.30pm. There will also be an exhibition, based around Victorian Mission room and Southerndown village. This will be in the church and will be open on Saturday, March 9 from 10am – 4pm. Visitors and old friends will be equally welcome to any of the events during this special weekend.

Rev EC

Polar pedalling parley proves pretty popular

Flying the flag, Maria used a specially designed three-wheel polar bike on her journey to the South Pole.

LOCAL polar adventurer Maria Leijerstam gave a talk to around 50 people at Cowbridge Library recently.

In 2013, she was the first person to cycle to the South Pole from the edge of the Antarctic continent, a distance of 396 miles. She has written a book about the experience entitled Cycling to the South Pole.

Maria said: "It was great to be back in my home town to share the story of how I cycled to the South Pole becoming the first person to do so. The audience was a combination of active cyclists and keen readers and asked technical questions about the make-up of my polar cycle as well as what I thought when I was cycling alone on the polar plateau."

"I did some of my training up the sand dunes at Merthyr Mawr. It was nice to have somewhere local to prepare."

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Crowds turn out to say farewell to the Tornado

IT was the end of an era.

Crowds, running into the low hundreds of men, women, and children, massed near MoD St Athan today for the fly-past of a Vic of three RAF Tornados, which was on the second of a three-day farewell tour of many of the UK's RAF (former or current) air bases.

With eyes and ears turned westward and skyward, the three aircraft came in low and slow with the variable geometry wings swept back straight down the centre line of the runway, before banking to starboard in perfect formation en route to the next site on the tour, Cardiff Airport, before heading south over the Bristol Channel.

There were no cheers and there was no clapping. Perhaps, collectively, it was felt there was no need because being there was tribute enough. Perhaps it's just a bit, well, unBritish to do that. Perhaps it was to hear the glorious roar of six RB199 engines for the last time without any disturbance.

It was at once a moment of quiet pride and oddly-moving, and there was the odd manly chin wobble.

The 'Tonka' has been in service nigh-on 40 years and until just a few weeks ago, she was still being sortied on ops against Daesh in Libya.

Time and technology have moved on, and although she has had many updates over the decades, her generation has come to the end and it is now down to the RAF's Typhoons and Lightnings to defend our skies and those of others.

A couple of young chaps – no more than early-20s – when asked why they were there, replied: "Jut got to be here to say goodbye to the Tornado. She's done a great job. It's all the memories."

It made the author feel rather old. The Tornado, in desert pink colours, first saw action in the Gulf War when the author was a young sub in Operation Granby, which by a reasonable estimate was about eight years before the two men were born.

The flypast was over too soon for most, who watched, through the trees, the flight disappear into the distance, and history.

'I will not be leaving the Conservative Party' says Alun Cairns

IT is not just Labour that has seen members resign to join the Independent Group, although not in the same numbers and not for the same reasons.

On Wednesday, February 20, three Conservative MPs resigned from their party to swell the ranks of the Independent Group to 11.

Anna Soubry, Heidi Allen, and Sarah Wollaston have left citing the PM's handling of Brexit negotiations for their decisions.

In the interests of balance, we put to Conservative Vale MP and Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns those put to Labour's Madeleine Moon and Chris Elmore, to which Mr Elmore replied [See The GEM February 21].

Mr Cairns said: "No, I will not be leaving the Conservative Party. I remain a committed member of the Conservative Party and Government and like my colleagues I am focused on delivering on the result of the 2016 referendum.

"We are determined to ensure that the best possible deal is delivered for the people and businesses of the United Kingdom.

"It is disappointing that these three talented MPs have decided to leave the Conservative Party, but we remain focused on delivering on the 2016 referendum result."

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Clifftop spaniel makes her own way to safety

A SPANIEL became stuck on a Penarth cliff top recently.

RSPCA Cymru was alerted after members of the public spotted the dog on a ledge. The spaniel made her own way back to safety and into a car park where an employee of the oganisation found her.

A spokesperson said she was not microchipped but had a collar, which suggests she had become estranged from her owner. The dog, which is white with patches of black and tan, is now at Cardiff Dogs' Home and the owner is being asked to contact it on 02920 711242.

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Sweet! lifeboat crew re-covers Chesterfield armchair

Not a common sight as Penarth Lifeboat crews re-cover a pontoon with a Chesterfield armchair on it.

PENARTH lifeboat station was called to the outer Wrach Buoy on February 22 to recover a floating eight-foot pontoon with a Chesterfield armchair on it.

A spokesperson for Penarth RNLI said: "It was unusual. We don't think it had come from the barrage, it had possibly come from further up river."

Date set for trial of councillor

A Vale of Glamorgan councillor has appeared at Cardiff Crown Court and denied carrying out sex attacks.

Anthony Hampton, 71, of Forest Drive, Barry, pleaded not guilty to 15 charges of indecent assault.

He will be tried at a hearing which will open on July 8. It is estimated to last for six days. Mr Hampton was remanded on bail.

Former council leader's verdict on current administration's budget management

RESIDENTS in the Vale will pay 4.9 per cent extra council tax from April as the authority's Conservative leader calls for an end to austerity.

Council leader John Thomas has said any further spending cuts will affect services as his administration proposes £3.7 million in savings for 2019-20. The proposed budget would mean the band D council tax rate would be set at £1,245.06 for the next financial year.

Savings across all the council's service areas are planned, but there would be cash boosts for social services and schools. The proposals would see 27 full-time job losses at the council, excluding schools. It comes after the Vale Council's annual settlement from the Welsh Government for 2019-20 fell by £1.18m from the previous year.

The council has had to make savings of more than £55m over the last nine years. Speaking to the Local Democracy Reporting Service, Cllr Thomas said he was "pleased" that the council tax increase was among the lowest in Wales but called for an end to austerity. He said: "We can't really make any more savings without having an effect on services. All the slack has gone from the system.

"It's getting more and more difficult to provide the same services with less money. A lot of services are expected to provide more as we increase our ageing population, and more children need help with additional learning needs. Originally I thought austerity was necessary. In the initial years it had little effect on services.

"Now we've got to the point where any savings we make are affecting services. It's time that austerity ended."

A projection of the possible total shortfall in the council's funding for 2020-21 and 2021-22 could be between £9.6m and £13.89m depending on how much council tax is increased by. Cllr Thomas said services will be asked to start planning for ways to make the further savings required over the next two years immediately after the budget is passed.

The council is set to miss its £6.29m savings target this year by £724,000 and services are intending to draw money from reserves. Next year's proposed budget involves taking £2m from reserves plus a further £1m in 2020-21. But Cllr Neil Moore, leader of Labour on the council, expressed doubts as to whether the budget could be achieved.

Cllr Moore said: "Arithmetically you could argue that they have balanced the books. They still have to make the savings within that budget and I'm not convinced they are going to be able to.

"I'm not convinced they are managing the budgets well or they will again this year."

The council says the proposed savings targets for next year are achievable. Social services will receive £2.2m in extra cash but still be required to make savings of £545,000.

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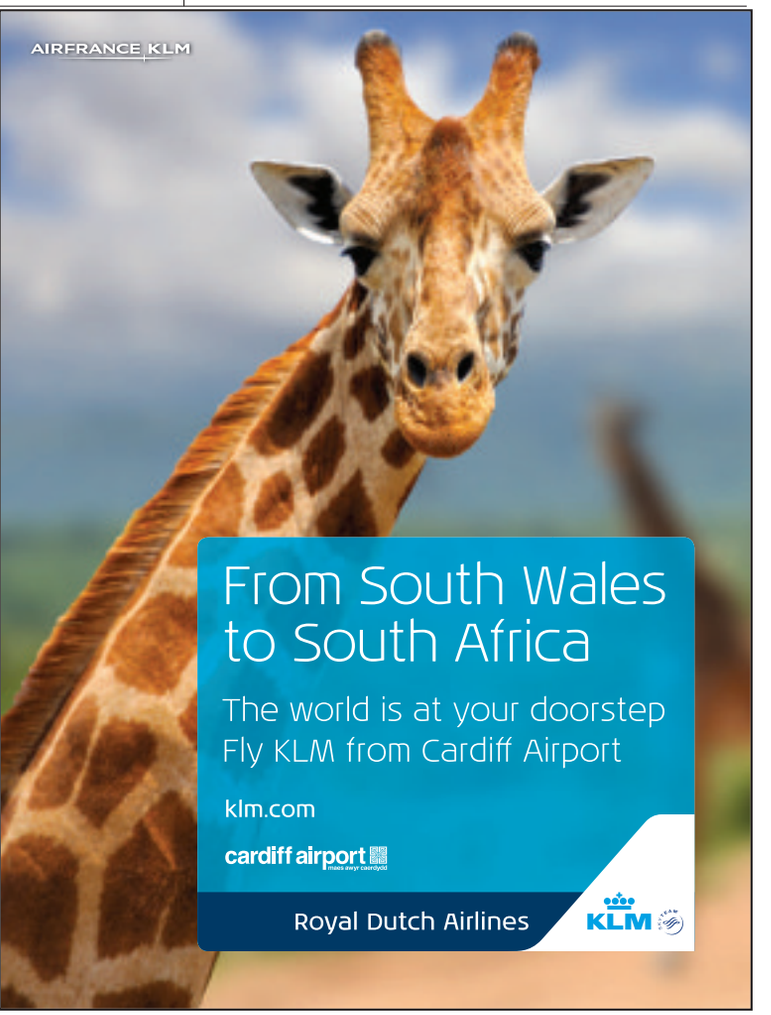

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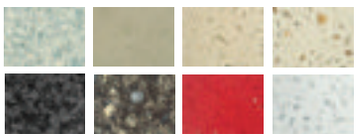

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THE south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union launched its 2019 programme with a lunch at the Cardiff City Stadium attended by over 150 members, who were indeed fortunate to welcome Dr Bobo Lo who spoke on 'Five things you should know about President Putin's RUSSIA'.

Dr Lo has a doctorate in the Soviet Political Economy and, having served as deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Moscow and with many think-tanks in various countries, is internationally recognised as an expert in both Russian and Chinese politics and economies. Dr Lo described how Western policymakers have ignored the strategic partnership which Russia and China has been developing over recent years, with President Putin determined to maintain Russia's role as one of the three world powers. Many observers now see a China/Russia engagement as a game-maker in 21st century politics, with China's economic growth inexorably overtaking the USA and assuming the mantle of the dominant nation.

Dr Lo also detailed how the indecision and lack of cohesion among Western governments has been cynically exploited by the Russian President; for example in terms of cyber attack in particular against the UK and USA, political processes and military offensives in Syria and the Ukraine.

This was truly a masterclass in analysing the thinking and objectives of the Russian President and, by the popular acclaim of members, Dr Lo has agreed to return and speak at a future lunch.

The next branch event is a lunch at the Cardiff City Stadium on Monday, April 8 with Anne Pasternak speaking on Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor. Details from Derek Morgan, chairman on 01656 669129 or email esuswb@googlemail.com.

Topstak Open Day

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Valeways walks

ON Sunday, February 24 at 2pm, 'The Old Village', starting at the Coldbrook Road East, at the junction with Powis View, Cadoxton.

On Wednesday, February 27 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on February 27 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside town hall in the car park, Llantwit Major.

On Thursday, February 28 at 10am, 'In the footsteps of Virginia Woolf', a six-mile walk starting at the Horsehoe Inn, Marcross, CF61 1ZG.

PACT meetings in the Vale

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Gibbonsdown PACT will be held at the Residents Board, Coychurch Rise, Barry, at 10.30am on Tuesday, March 12.

'Cuppa with a Copper' will be held at the YMCA HUB, Court Road, Barry, on Wednesday, March 6 between 2pm and 3.30pm.

Meet your local officer at Penarth Library on Thursday, March 7 between 11 am and 12 noon.

Llantwit Major Police surgery will be held at Llantwit Major Library on Tuesday, March 12 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto:www.south-wales.police.uk for contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

Craft Fair raises funds for charity

THE Enfys Craft Fair for February was unfortunately cancelled because of the weather, but the next fair will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 10am until 4pm at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry and everyone is welcome.

As well as various stalls at the fair, Ann's Kitchen has been adding new dishes to her menu.

At the November fair last year, more than £100 was raised for Action Medical Research and in December, £160 was raised for Velindre Cancer Research. The charity for March is Mittens.

For more information about the fair, contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

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Your guide to what's on and where

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Councillors' surgery

Councillors Andrew RT Davies and Gordon Kemp will hold a surgery at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose on Saturday, March 2 between 10am and 11am. No appointment necessary.

Jumble sale

THERE will be a secondhand clothes and jumble sale at Paul Lewis Community Centre, St Athan on Saturday, March 2; 10am till 4pm, free entry also raffle, tombola and refreshments.

Cowbridge litter pick

THE Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter environmental group will be litter picking around Cowbridge on Sunday morning, March 3.

A spokesman said: "Please meet at 10am behind the town hall for one hour or so. All kit is provided on the day."

World Book Day

BARRY library's World Book Day event for children will take place on Thursday, March 7 from 4pm – 5pm at Barry Library.

Dress as your favourite book character, treasure hunt, design your own book cover; refreshments provided, and prizes to be won!

Rhoose cinema

MULTI-Oscar winning 'Bohemian Rhapsody (12a) is rocking its way to Rhoose Community Cinema on March 9.

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Quiz at Penarth library

FRIENDS of Penarth Library will hold a quiz at the library on Stanwell Road on Tuesday, March 12 between 6pm and 8pm.

The cost is £2 a head, to include refreshments, and teams should be between 4/6 people. To book a team call in at the library or phone the library on 02920 708438.

Sully Community Cinema

THE next screening at Sully Community Cinema will be The Italian Job on Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm in the Old School Community Centre with free drinks and pizza. The film starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £4 each.

Plaid meeting

ADAM Price AM, leader of Plaid Cymru will host a public meeting alongside Luke Fletcher in Maesteg to discuss his vision for future Wales. The event will be taking place in Maesteg Quinn's RFC on March 14, beginning at 7.30pm.

High Voltage in The Ruby Slipper

HIGH Voltage, a performing arts group for adults with additional learning needs based in Barry, will present The Ruby Slipper on Saturday, March 16 at 6pm in Dinas Powys Parish Hall.

Tickets (£5) are available from e_gamgee@hotmail.co.uk or via Facebook @highvoltagetheatre.

There are no barriers to who can join the group, so if you are interested, please email.

KPC seeking golfers!

KPC Youth & Community are holding their annual charity Golf Day on Friday, June 21 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Team entry for teams of four is £165 per team (or discounted Early Bird entry of just £145 if entry form and payment submitted by April 30). Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf, and to be part of our prize presentation. We still have slots available – so come along for a great day's golf and the chance to support a local charity!

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Saturday 16th March - RUGBY - Italy v France 12.30pm • Wales v Ireland 2.45pm • England v Scotland 5.00pm (Free chilli & Chips half time)
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Saturday 23rd March - Local Live Music - Male/Female Duo "Session", 8pm.
Saturday 29th March - Retro Vinyl 60s & 70s Disco
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She met Sarah Capstick, Chair of Trustees, CEO Helen Jones and staff member Margaret Smith who presented Jane Hutt with one of her books to sign 'Getting Free'.

Jane Hutt said "One of my key new ministerial responsibilities is the violence against women and domestic abuse strategy so it was a great opportunity to meet my local team serving the Vale so brilliantly."

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Vale dancers win places in Swan Lake

Genevieve Carr will appear with the English Youth Ballet at the New Theatre in Cardiff.

Seren Woodley-Thomas will perform with The English Youth Ballet in Swan Lake.

THE Vale School of Dance is celebrating after two of its pupils auditioned successfully for the English Youth Ballet's production of Swan Lake in Cardiff.

Thirteen-year-old Seren Woodley-Thomas and 11-year-old Genevieve Carr were among hundreds of young hopefuls who took part in auditions to appear at the New Theatre in August.

The English Youth Ballet performs classical ballets in regional theatres across the UK, giving young dancers outside London an opportunity to perform in a professional setting.

Seren, who lives in Llanmaes and attends Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, told The GEM: "I was very nervous because it was my first audition.

"It was competitive, but inspirational to watch all the other amazing ballet dancers. I'm very excited to start rehearsals and I'm sure it will be an experience I will never forget."

Genevieve, from Colwinston, who attends Howells School, said: "I'm nervous but excited. I'm looking forward to making some new friends."

Genevieve auditioned in the category for dancers aged six to 11. Seren was in the audition category for dancers aged 12 to 18 – so it was particularly impressive that she made it through when she was up against teenagers five years older than her.

Nerissa Underwood, who runs the dance school, said: "I'm very proud they were successful. They have both been with the school for several years, work hard and are serious about their dance."

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Cold Pursuit is quirky but inconsequential...

IT'S safe to say that the release of Liam Neeson's latest film, *Cold Pursuit*, has come with a little more scrutiny than usual following comments made during an interview promoting it.

The film has now hit cinema screens and sees Neeson play snowplough driver Nels Coxman, whose son is murdered at the order of drug lord Viking (Tom Bateman). Nels takes action into his own hands and seeks revenge for his son's murder, but his actions soon set into motion a gang war between Viking and White Bull (Tom Jackson), one that Nels finds himself irrevocably caught up in...

It's safe to say that the notion of Liam Neeson playing a man out to avenge wrongdoing is something that has almost certainly had its day, given that we've had three *Taken* films, and no end of other action films starring the now 66-year-old actor.

Cold Pursuit, then, decides to take a slightly different tack - here Neeson plays an ordinary guy determined to right a wrong for his family, and while it has some nice quirky elements, it winds up feeling like an inconsequential and ultimately pretty forgettable piece of work.

It's a film that goes for a mixture of Scandi-noir and Coen-esque irreverence, and while it offers up some of both, it doesn't quite succeed. On the surface the snowy vistas give it a heady dose of the former, while characters who are more than just genre archetypes fulfil the latter, but the sum total is just lacking.

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It's based on 2014 Norwegian film *In Order of Disappearance* and shares that film's director in Hans Petter Molland, who does a pretty good job. His direction feels assured and, crucially, attempts to subvert expectations (after all, films like these are pretty common).

A title card that keeps track of those who die in the course of the film is a prime example of the film's jet black humour; but while that works well there's an emotional coldness that just doesn't sit right.

We're supposed to feel sympathy for Nels' situation, but the film never truly conveys the depth of his loss, while storyline developments take some dark turns that are delivered with flippancy, giving the film an odd tone.

The performances are all fine - Neeson's turn is nicely low-key, a man seeking answers and vengeance for what has befallen him and his family, while Tom Bateman as drug lord Viking gives his performance a dash of ham but, in the grand scheme of things, it works.

Emmy Rossum and John Doman as a pair of police officers who become embroiled in the war, are entertaining but are dealt with poorly by the screenplay: sidelining them and making them unimportant to the overall story. It's particularly harsh on the former, who channels Frances McDormand in *Fargo* (one of the film's touchstones) but doesn't get the opportunity to really expand on it.

This is a film that is all surface, no feeling - it's more concerned with quirk and style than giving it any emotional backbone, and given the subject matter it needs this to really get the viewer onside. As it is, this lack of depth means that *Cold Pursuit* doesn't linger any longer than it takes for the credits to roll.

VERDICT - A film that has its moments, *Cold Pursuit* is undone by an emotional coldness and a lack of any real substance. Hans Petter Molland's direction has enough about it to hold your attention, and the performances are fine, but its disparate elements fail to coalesce into something worthwhile. Poor.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Fargo* (1996), *Headhunters* (2011).

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Apartment blocks set to be built, despite residents' objections

A DEVELOPMENT of 72 "affordable" homes is set to be approved in Barry despite objections from residents.

Plans to build the apartments in two four and five storey blocks in Subway Road have been recommended for approval by Vale Council officers. The apartments, which would all be "social rented", would be served by 37 parking spaces and would be built opposite the council's docks office.

Vale Council planning committee will decide whether to approve the scheme on Thursday, February 28, but around 20 objections have been made against the development, including from Barry Town Council. Concerns have been raised about the scale and visual impact of the buildings, parking, loss of privacy for surrounding properties and loss of existing commercial units.

If the plans are approved all the units currently on the site, including Crefft Kitchen and Bedroom Studio and the former home of Glamorgan Plumbing Supplies, would be demolished to make way for the new development.

Block one of the development, at the southern end of the site next to Ffordd Y Milleniwm would be five storeys high, while block two to the north would be four storeys high. Barry Town Council has made strong objections to the plans, citing 'the excessive height and scale' of the proposed development, and 'potential overlooking' of the existing two storey homes to the rear of the site.

The town council also says there could be 'a potential over-development of the site' and the proposed car parking provision is 'poor'.

Neighbouring residents have also objected to the plans, criticising its number of parking spaces, loss of privacy, loss of historic buildings and over-development of the site. But Vale council officers have urged the committee to approve the plans.

A housing assessment in 2017 said Barry needs an extra 576 affordable homes each year to keep up with demand, while there are 452 households on the council's housing waiting list in the Castleland ward of the town. The council report says: 'It is considered that the development would make a significant contribution towards meeting that housing need and, on balance, it is considered that it would outweigh the modest loss of employment space within the site, and that the loss of that space would not significantly affect the supply and availability of employment land within Barry.

"While taller than the two and three storey dwellings/flats to the rear, the buildings are comparable with much of the wider street scene and they would not appear as over-scaled or unusually tall in this context, when approaching the site from either direction along Ffordd Y Milleniwm.'

The original plans were for 80 units but this has been revised, with block two being scaled down from five to four storeys.

The council report says: 'In this case, while the building is relatively large it is considered that the scale, taken together with the distance between the properties, would ensure an acceptable level of amenity would be preserved and that the development would not be unreasonably overbearing."

The GEM put this to councillors representing the ward; one replied saying that they were unable to comment.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

Council budget

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This year children's services is projecting an overspend of £500,000 due to "the increasing complexities of the children currently being supported, which results in their placement in very high-cost units". Schools would get £3.4m extra money but would have a savings target of £824,000.

The council would give schools the money to fund the full increase in costs of employer's pension contribution rate increasing from 16.48 per cent to 23.6 per cent from September 1. The increase could cost the council £3.1m over two years, but the authority says it has so far received no additional money from the Welsh or UK Governments for this.

Schools would get an extra £770,000 to contribute towards other pressures in schools such as demographic growth. Neighbourhood services and transport would have to save £932,000 and face getting £100,000 less money than this year in the proposed budget.

But £625,000 would be provided to deal with further pressure in the waste collection and recycling services. Corporate resources, which face a £821,000 savings target, face a £10m budget cut.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy reporter

Only 325 apprenticeships in farming in Wales last year

ONLY one per cent of the total number of apprenticeships available in Wales for the last two academic years were in agriculture, latest figures show.

According to figures from Stats Wales, only 325 of the 31,360 apprenticeships in 2017/18 were in the agricultural industry, despite the sector accounting for four per cent of all employment in Wales during the same period.

Welsh Conservative Environment and Rural Affairs spokesman Andrew RT Davies AM has described the figures as 'deeply troubling', particularly as the Welsh food and drink manufacturing sector and its supply chain is a major contributor to the Welsh economy. The total value of the sector to the Welsh economy, taking into account the agricultural, processing and retail sectors, is estimated to be more than £1 billion per annum.

Mr Davies said: "The £1 billion Welsh food and drink sector and its supply chain is a major contributor to our economy and these apprenticeship figures are deeply troubling.

"For the future of our industry, it's vital we drive knowledge into the sector so we can add value to the quality product that farms produce the length and breadth of Wales.

"Over the last two decades, the Welsh Labour Government's record of support for the rural economy has been pitiful and regrettably is epitomised in these latest figures. Agriculture accounts for four per cent of all employment in Wales, so we must now see a coherent plan from the Minister on how her department will drive a much-needed increase in the number of apprentices entering the industry."

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2019-2020 BCBC budget receives a mixed reception in the county

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's budget for the year ahead has been approved, with cuts of £7.6 million and a council tax increase of 5.4 per cent.

Councillors voted in favour of the budget at a full council meeting on February 20.

The council tax increase in 2019-20 means that for an average Band D property the council tax will rise by £75.40p to £1,470.87 from £1,395.51.

Council leader Huw David acknowledged there were people who would struggle to pay the new council tax rate but claimed there was "no alternative".

Deputy leader Hywel Williams said delivering the £7.6m cuts would "not be easy" and warned that council staff would be made redundant.

He said: "We will do all we can to implement these changes as painlessly as possible."

A criticism of the budget during the meeting came from Cllr Lyn Walters (Conservative) who said the budget felt like Groundhog Day, with too many of the planned cuts either categorised as being at high risk or medium risk of not being delivered over the year ahead.

She said: "The concerns I raised last year are pretty much the same ones I have today. This year, £4.6m of the cuts are rated as high risk or medium risk – that means there is doubt over whether 60 per cent of the savings can be delivered.

"I accept we are dealing with a difficult situation here, dealing with savings on top of savings, year after year. However, in the corporate world, it would not be acceptable to produce a plan where 25 per cent of proposed budget reductions are high risk and 35 per cent are medium.

"I do not consider we have a balanced budget because the high risk savings are too high risk."

Finance officers said the delivery of saving plans had a good track record and Cllr David said despite being in a similar position last year, there was a small budget underspend forecast by the end of this financial year.

Officers said the majority of the high-risk savings were down to a "contractual issue" involving the Materials Recovery and Energy Centre in Neath Port Talbot, where Bridgend sends its non-recyclable waste.

The £7.6m cuts are coming from areas such as reductions in staff across many departments, ending bus subsidies, removing the councillors' Community Action Fund, and renegotiating contracts with partners such as HALO Leisure and Awen Cultural Trust.

The council has said it is trying to keep the bus station in Bridgend open through options such as entering into a partnership with Bridgend Town Council, charging bus operators more for using the facility and exploring opportunities for setting up commercial opportunities.

However, it has warned if it is unable to make the planned £90,000 savings over the next two years, it will have to close.

There are also future cuts planned to outdoor sports fields and pavilions in an attempt to save £300,000 a year.

The council has issued a warning to local organisations that if they do not take responsibility for them through community asset transfers, or pay four or five times more to use them, they will close, because the local authority can no longer afford to subsidise them.

There are reviews planned for services that include school crossing patrols, complex care provision, homelessness prevention, as well as parks and playing fields.

Pre-application planning fees are set to rise by 10 per cent.

Charges are also set to increase for the green waste service from £28.30 per household to £38.30 – with the collection of three bulky waste items from £15.50 to £20.

Opening hours of the community recycling centres are also expected to be reduced by one hour every day. Before these changes can happen, contract negotiations would need to take place with Kier and there would have to be a public consultation regarding the charge changes and reduced levels of service.

At the full council meeting on February 20, Cllr David pointed out the cross-party approach to the budget-setting process, thanking all parties for their "non-partisan, constructive and mature engagement".

He said: "We have listened to the public and headteachers – that's why we're proposing to increase the cash budgets for schools by £4.5m without the proposed £900,000 efficiency saving.

"This will not be an increase in school budgets in real terms, it will be a standstill budget because they will have to fund pension contributions for teachers – that is unavoidable.

"We believe by making this cash increase we will at least minimise the potential job losses and cuts."

He said that the 5.4 per cent council tax increase would lead to an additional £4.6m, which was effectively going to the county's schools to cover "unavoidable pressures".

Deputy leader Hywel Williams said the number of people responding to a public consultation on the budget through returning surveys had increased by 44 per cent from last year.

When it came to the budget vote, 32 councillors voted for, 11 voted against and there were 10 abstentions.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

The GEM contacted councillors representing other parties on BCBC council, as well as UNISON.

Cllr Tom Giffard, Leader of the Conservative Group on Bridgend County Borough Council said "Throughout the budget process, I made very clear to the Council Leader that I wouldn't accept yet another massive council tax rise."

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THE Silver Star Decorating and Home Improvement store on Barry Docks has announced a closing down sale. The Sylvester family have been trading in Barry for 127 years – Barry's longest established family business.

Starting this Friday, on St David's Day, March 1, everyone can buy everything in the store at half price.

The business began in 1890 when John Sylvester came to the new town of Barry from Taunton in Somerset, to begin a decorating business. The first Sylvester shop was opened in High Street in 1902 and as was the tradition in those days, decorating shops were run by the decorator's wife, who was Mrs Louisa Jane Sylvester.

John's son, John Sylvester junior joined the business in 1905 and was noted for high class decorating, graining and sign writing on houses, shops, churches, buses and vans, including White's fairground rides, fairground organ and steam traction engine at Barry Island - even the Barry lifeboat.

There were vehicle painting works in both Thompson Street and Kendrick Road and the firm is believed to have worked on shops and houses in every street in Barry in pre-war days.

The business moved from High Street to Cross Street and Station Street in 1902, where the decorating shop was eventually run for many years by Mrs Violet Sylvester, who will be remembered by many customers.

After the death of John Sylvester junior in 1964, the business was continued by his sons Terry and David, and in 1969 they opened the store at Subway Road, Barry Docks which was one of the first big decorating and home improvement stores in south Wales; and branches were opened in Penarth, Aberdare, Bargoed, Newport, Llandow and Merthyr.

As all the buildings in Subway Road are now to be demolished, for just four weeks everyone can buy thousands of items, including the Sylvesters' wonderful selection of over 650 beautiful wallpapers, paints, kitchen units, bathroom ranges, timber, tools and doors – all at half price, as a thank – you to all the people of Barry, many of whom have been Sylvesters' customers for generations.

Estyn report published for College

THE inspection report published by Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales, on the Further Education provision of Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) shows all inspection areas graded good or excellent.

Only the second FE College in Wales to be inspected against a new framework, CAVC is the first to be awarded the new Excellent grade within this, for "well-being" and "attitudes to learning".

The positive report highlights the quality of the college's work and its impact on learners, communities and employers in the region. It noted the 'very clear and strategic approach to its provision with the aim of developing skilled and employable people'.

It also recognised the college as 'instrumental in supporting the economic growth and skills development within the region'. Standards are judged good across the board. The report commented on the progress learners make from their starting points and the broad range of skills that learners demonstrate and develop during their time with CAVC and teachers who 'engage and motivate learners'.

An area of particular excellence recognised in the report is overall wellbeing and attitudes to learning of learners at CAVC.

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'Wrong end of the stick' over empty properties

IN response to Matt Discombe's article 'Empty properties in the Vale may have to pay more council tax', may I suggest we are not all landlords keeping property empty to accrue value, or keeping them in such a state as being inhabitable and just acting as a pension pot or indeed weekend second homes, but some property, as mine is, is my late parents' home, which has been up for sale since their passing some two years ago.

Lots of feedback I have had through this sale is that there is a lack of facilities in the more rural parts of the Vale putting potential buyers off, so maybe the council would be better off turning their attention to this lack of facilities, instead of trying to squeeze any more money from these properties; and maybe the council could state what services they provide to these properties for the 50 per cent we already have to pay.

With the rise in homelessness currently enjoyed in this country, empty homes are a wasteful disgrace if done for the wrong reason. Surely if a property is genuinely on the market priced at market value and empty, they should not be council taxed at all.

The phrase 'nothing for something' springs to mind: is it me, or the council has got that wrong?

NJ Mace,
Rhoose.

'Is Hannibal, not fraudster Iolo, Cowbridge's most famous son?'

I do not wish to spoilt things for those who see Iolo Morgannwg as a Welsh cultural hero (The GEM, February 14).

Let those who wish to pay homage to a man who spent most of life as a fraudster have their fun.

However it was a surprise to see him described as 'Cowbridge's most famous son'.

As he was born in Flemingston, it is stretching the boundaries of scientific credulity to imagine he was born in two places at once! Son of Cowbridge ? Hardly.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines 'famous' as 'widely known'.

It follows that even if we accept Iolo's association with Cowbridge, then we have to allow Sir Anthony Hopkins' connection as boarder at the grammar school as well.

Who is the most famous? Iolo Morgannwg or Sir Anthony Hopkins?

It's not really up for debate is it?

Jeffrey Bird
Cowbridge

'Baffled' by the Vale Council cabinet's decision

IT is a source of bafflement and immense sadness to me that the Vale Council cabinet have not thought fit to grant the Physic Garden 'Fields in Trust' status.

Throughout my 10 years' involvement I have witnessed remarkable examples of what this small green haven means to the community. It has won accolades from far and wide, has visitors both nationally and internationally, and is widely considered to be one of the great attractions of south Wales.

We are constantly being told of how gardens help enormously to give a feeling of well-being and peace to the human spirit.

How sad it is, then, that the cabinet do not wish to protect this green space in perpetuity, which is in the centre of our historic market town and a real gem in its own right.

Jo Homfray
Chair,
the Cowbridge
Physic Garden Trust.

The 'refugee versus economic migrant' debate continues

I AM writing in response to the letter, published recently, from Ross England.

I am disappointed that someone who aspires to future political office should display such closed-minded and mean-spirited opinions.

His comments about people who are fleeing their country being "not genuine refugees but instead economic migrants" are at best inaccurate and at worst, a deliberate attempt at prejudicing people against asylum seekers.

Under international law, anyone has the right to apply for asylum in any country that has signed the 1951 Convention (which the UK has) and to remain there until the authorities have assessed their claim.

Furthermore, there is nothing in international law to say that refugees must claim asylum in the first country they reach.

Wales has a proud history of being a compassionate and welcoming nation to people in need around the world.

In defining Wales as a 'Nation of Sanctuary', Jane Hutt and the Labour Government are showing us all that, despite the divisions caused by the Westminster Government, people in this country will not forget their traditional values.

Elizabeth Williams,
Barry.

'Deeds, not words, over refugees' suggests reader

YOUR correspondent ('Wales can be a place of sanctuary', GEM letters, February 21) will take a Syrian family into her home.

Good for her, but this is different from finding that a stowaway in her car boot, who may be a refugee or just looking for a better place to live, has got into her house and taken up residence in her front room.

She might then be less than pleased to hear some people encouraging others to do the same thing.

(Name and address supplied.)

Association of National Trust Members meeting

THE Association's next meeting takes place on Tuesday, March 5 at 11am in the Sycamore Inn, Colwinston.

Chris Hawker will give an illustrated talk on 'Colwinston – a historical journey'. Non-members welcome at this event, at no charge. Coffee available before the meeting and lunch afterwards.

On Wednesday, March 20 at 11am in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge Geoff Hughes will speak on 'Beyond the Prison Wall'.

Non-members welcome as guests at this meeting, though they will be gently invited to join the association.

Golf club lady captain's charity concludes with a boost

CAROLINE Kelly's chosen charity for her year as lady captain at Southerndown Golf Club was Velindre Cancer Centre's 'Leading Lights' campaign.

A spokesperson said: "Velindre has developed a reputation over the years for the excellence of its care and support for patients and families, and their team of specialist nurses are key to this care and service. Leading Lights aims to ensure that all patients have access to a named nurse, so a very worthy and excellent cause.

"Attending Lady Captain's charity dinner on February 22, a nurse, Annie Jones, gave an account of the work that she and her colleagues get involved with, and the value that they add to patient care at Velindre.

"Like Caroline, Annie completed Velindre fundraising's West Coast Bike Ride in September last year, cycling a gruelling 600Km down Highway 1 on the West Coast from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Members present at the charity dinner were treated to a slide and video show, outlining the ride and the Leading Lights charity.

"Along with the dinner and other charity events held throughout the year, the total raised for the charity from the club came to in excess of £3,000; and when this is added to the amounts raised on the ride by all three Southerndown Golf Club members – Caroline Kelly, Julian Kelly and Iwan Davies – the grand total amounted to £28,817, a fantastic result and achievement.

"The two West Coast Rides raised in excess of £700K between them, proving to be a great boost for Velindre's Leading Lights campaign. Caroline thanked all who attended, as well as the catering and other staff at the golf club, for their support and generosity."

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Woody's Lodge welcomes new partner

Clive Hamilton (right) CEO of Pinnacle signing the Silver Award Armed Forces' Covenant.

THE Vale-based Armed Forces charity Woody's Lodge has acquired a new partner for 2019.

Pinnacle Complete Office Solutions supports charities each year with events ranging from dress-down days and early morning Pen y Fan hikes, to three-day cycling challenges and gala dinners.

Following a recommendation by the Armed Forces engagement officer at Pinnacle they chose Woody's Lodge as one of their charities for 2019.

Clive Hamilton, CEO of Pinnacle Complete Office Solutions, explained: "Woody's Lodge not only provides a welcoming space for veterans and their families to visit, but it also offers vital day to day support that many of us take for granted."

Woody's Lodge CEO, Dr David Trotman, said: "We are absolutely delighted to welcome the team at Pinnacle to our family here at Woody's Lodge. The support from corporate partnerships allows us to continue our work here at Woody's Lodge, working with veterans, reservists and emergency service leavers and their families."

Woody's Lodge is now located at the Amelia Trust Farm.

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Award for company

PROPERTY owner Valleys to Coast (V2C) took the award for Excellence in Customer Service at this year's Welsh Business Awards.

V2C, a social housing landlord, owns 6,000 homes across Bridgend.

The Welsh Business Awards recognise the very best from businesses across Wales.

Valleys to Coast was recognised for its Excellence in Customer Service in the Welsh Business Awards 2018, too.

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Council decides to continue 'OlympAGE' sports events

A series of OlympAGE events, organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), is being held throughout the county borough to provide 'socially active sporting events' for older residents and people with learning and physical disabilities.

A range of activities including boccia, bounce ball, target throw, badminton and shuffleboard are offered.

The latest Winter OlympAGE, held in the Garw Valley Life Centre was attended by over 70 people including volunteers.

Named as overall winners on the day were the team at Ty Pen Y Bont Day Services.

Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies who also attended the event said: "Fun events like the OlympAGE games encourage older and disabled people to stay active and I'm pleased to see BCBC are holding more regular sessions."

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Ysgol y Deri buys DofE kit

WE have been fortunate to receive a grant of £3,125 from the DM Thomas Foundation and £1,575 from the Parents and Friends Association of Ysgol y Deri.

This has enabled us to buy extensive kit for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme including tents, sleeping bags, stoves, hiking boots, and other items, including a secure and insulated shipping container – with lighting and heating – in which to safely store all the kit.

The provision of this equipment has made the Duke of Edinburgh Award accessible to all pupils in the school, whatever their ability or financial situation.

We now have of me taking part in the award, including those with learning difficulties, autism, and physical disabilities.

Thanks to DM Thomas can all take part and benefit from the incredible life experiences that the award offers.

Stephen Morris, Ysgol y Deri

Woodland Trust to donate a magic million!

THE Woodland Trust (Coed Cadw) will give away one million trees to schools and communities for the first time in a single season, with the millionth tree hitting the ground in the first two weeks of March.

The Trust says it highlights a growing desire among the public to plant trees and to care for the environment. Beccy Speight, chief executive of the Woodland Trust said: "We've been close to hitting one million free trees for schools and community groups for several years, but this is the first time we've ever sent out that magic number in a single season. It's a real milestone for the Trust and we're proud to have achieved such a momentous task.

"There's a real passion for planting across the UK. People want to feel they are making a difference. Trees resonate on so many levels: they make where we live more beautiful, they help clean our air, improve our soils, clean and hold back water, provide a home for wildlife and help us address the causes and impacts of climate change.

"Improving mental health and well-being is high on the social agenda and urban trees in particular can help people to feel the benefits of being outdoors. Feedback that we've received from recipients of free trees is that improved well-being was one of their top reasons to apply. They also reported a sense of real achievement and fulfilment when planting."

Free tree packs are currently being sent to schools and/or community groups in every county in Wales, including four to Bridgend and two to the Vale of Glamorgan. The packs are funded by lead partners Sainsbury's, players of People's Postcode Lottery, and Yorkshire Tea. Since the initiative started in 2010, 5.8 million trees have been sent to schools and community groups keen to improve their local area.

Every tree has been UK sourced and grown to guarantee the provenance of native trees. The scheme guarantees that trees from a number of nurseries marked with the UKSG badge are raised from seeds sourced only from the UK and grown in the UK for their entire lifespan. The aim of the scheme is to reduce the risk of importing pests and diseases with planting stock grown outside the UK. All saplings arrive with protection to give them the best chance of survival, and each pack comes with full instructions on planting and after care.

If you would like to apply for free trees in the coming season get your application in soon, as the scheme is once again proving to be extremely popular. Tree packs are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. You can apply for between 15-420 trees depending on the space you have available and your requirements. Packs are: hedge, copse, wild harvest, year round colour, working wood, wildwood, wildlife, and urban.

Apply for your trees at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees.

Bridgend Athletic RFC mini and junior round-up

The under-8s in action against Llanishen.

The under-9s who also faced Llanishen.

THE under-7s took a squad of 10 players to Port Talbot on Friday evening for a fixture against Baglan.

There was a fantastic team effort with defensive and evasive skills shown by Jacob Martin, Isaac Rees, George Evans, Ollie Dowson, Rohan Davies, Luis Tooze, Matthew Hallez, Osian Phillips, Callum Brown and Matthew Fyfe.

On Sunday the under-7s took a squad of 16 players to Cardiff for a fixture against Llanishen.

Due to Llanishen having a similar number two pitches were set up with two teams of eight taking the field. Bridgend Athletic were victorious again, outscoring their opponents.

Stand-out players were Charlie Tune, Callum Brown and Billy Creed, with top tagger awards going to Isaac Rees and Matthew Hallez. Next up for the under-7s is a home fixture against Bargoed.

The under-8s headed for Llanishen.

All players played with speed and outperformed their opponents with ease, scoring 31 tries in total and winning all four matches.

It was great to see all of them enjoying the game with big smiles on their faces, no more than Regan Webb who had the biggest smile of all and relished being back with his team mates. Welcome back Regan.

The under-9s took a squad of 13 players to Port Talbot on Friday evening for a fixture against Baglan.

Great defensive effort was shown by Rudi Quinn, Mason Brown, Ethan Davies, Osian Kenny and Grayson Lewis Whelan. Try scorers in a 35-20 victory were Dylan Jones (4), Ethan Davies (2) and Osian Kenny.

On Sunday the under-9s took a squad of 15 players to Cardiff for a fixture against Llanishen & St Albans.

Bridgend Athletic started strongly with some strong direct running from the forwards. Try scorers were Ethan Davies (3), Osian Kenny and Oliver Turvey. Stand-out tacklers were Ethan Davies, Harry Clark, Jude Lewis and Dylan Jones.

The final score was Llanishen 20, Bridgend Athletic 25.

Bridgend Athletic struggled at first against St Albans but it was a good, evenly-contested match in the end.

Try scorers were Harry Clark, Rhys Cawley and Dylan Jones, while stand-out tacklers were Ethan Davies, Zack Hughes, Dylan Jones, Jude Lewis and Grayson Lewis Whelan.

The final score was St Albans 15, Bridgend Athletic 15.

The under-10s travelled to Llanishen.

Oliver Williams scored the first two tries of the match before Theo sidestepped his way past two players to score in the corner. Oliver grabbed his hat trick try before Llanishen hit back with a well-worked try of their own to end the first third 4-1 to the Ath.

Jamie then scored the Ath's fifth try but Llanishen responded well and grabbed a couple of tries of their own, taking advantage of some missed tackles in midfield.

The try of the match came when a great tackle by Chaitu in midfield allowed Shon to get over the ball and create the turnover.

Strong running by Ollie and Leo set up Jacob to run through a couple of defenders and pop the ball to Albert who ran in from 10 yards.

A second try scored by Theo and a further four tries by Oliver saw him in seventh heaven with a remarkable seven touchdowns, resulting in the Ath winning 11-6.

The under-11s travelled away to take on Llanishen on a 3G pitch.

The game started well for the Ath who scored two early tries to take a well-deserved lead. Two well-worked backs moves created overlaps and Llanishen were able to level the scores.

The second half started brightly, and the boys started to dominate both territory and possession and soon took the lead at 5-4 and a further try saw the Ath hold on for a well-deserved 6-4 victory.

The under-13s travelled to play Nantyfyllon for the first time in two years.

The team had a few players out of position for the game but started off at a good pace with some quick handling, putting Nanty under pressure.

Leo Quinn, spotting space behind the defensive line, chased his own kick and picked up the ball to cross the line. The second try was scored soon after with Alex Tidball running a great line to crash over near the posts. With our regular kicker missing up stepped Rhys Wilson to kick the conversion. The Ath defence held strong to take a 0-12 lead into half-time.

The second half started as the first ended with Nanty on the attack and they crashed over near the posts. With the score at 5-12 heading into the last few minutes, the ball got out wide to Rhys Hocking who showed his turn of pace to score in the corner. The conversion was kicked by Rhys Wilson to make the final score 5-19 to the Ath.

With so many players missing, from key positions it was a great team performance to come away with a win.

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Boys Club appearances for Bridgend Athletic players

CONGRATULATIONS to Bridgend Athletic first XV players centre Tom Davies and full back Levi Hallett on their selection for The Boys Club of Wales side who defeated Bristol Academy under-18s by 24 points to 18 on Sunday.

Tom played on the wing and Levi at full back while a former Athletic player, Mason Hughes, turned out at flanker for the Bristol side, scoring a try.

Both players are still eligible for youth but have graduated to the first XV squad. Tom has successfully converted from flanker to centre for Bridgend Athletic and has crossed for seven tries in 16 first XV appearances. Levi has just forced his way into the Athletic first XV squad and has made five appearances in the team.

They join a further five former BCOW players who have all featured in this season's first XV squad – half backs Dan James and Luke Bevan, along with back row forwards Ben Davies, Cameron Thomas and Luke Williams.

Former Athletic youth team captain Tom Seldon, playing in the same era as those players, also represented the BCOW.

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Bridgend Sports RFC mini and junior rugby round-up

THE under-7s travelled to Taibach and enjoyed taking part in a great game of rugby. The side started well and scored some excellent individual tries from Cian Elward, Isaac Dando, Jesse Jones and four tries from Dion Williams.

Taibach fought back well with some well worked tries. It was a very close game with many turnovers. Sport's Isaac Davies managed to get an incredible 18 tags.

The Sports outscored Taibach 9-5 and the coaches were really pleased to see the players learning from their hard work in training.

The man of the match went to Cian Elward for two brilliant tries and great defence work to help the team

Consistency and patience paid off for the under-8s as the youngsters played well.

Matthew Griffiths was top try scorer, with three tries, and his all-round game was excellent as well. Archie Hall was top tagger with seven tags.

Sports' try scorers were Leo D'Adamo, Archie Hall, Matthew Griffiths (3), Gethin Roberts, Ollie Balmer and Alex Bright (2).

The overall scores were Bridgend Sports 4, Tondu 4 and Bridgend Sports 5, Briton Ferry 5.

Unfortunately, the under-9s lost out this week as their fixture was cancelled, but the under-10s were in action, getting off to a slow start in their game against Valley Ravens.

The side began to ruck well to provide some continuity with ball in hand. The offloading was greatly improved with the ball going through the hands which led to some excellent team tries. The defence was solid too.

Congratulations are extended to Cooper Thomas on scoring his first try. This week's team player award went to Lennon Griffiths for his offloading to team mates and his tackling.

Final score: Bridgend Sports 12 Valley Ravens 4, try scorers: Noah Roberts (4), Osian Stephens, Stan McAllister, Jayden Walters, Cooper Thomas, Lennon Griffiths (3) and Harry Mallinson.

After their success in recent weeks, the under-11s could not match a very good Pencoed team as they were outscored 15-50.

Pencoed were well drilled and it showed in the first 20 minutes as the Sports were not a match as Pencoed raced into a 0-35 lead.

The Sports awoke at half-time to mount a fight back, Finley Goodwin scoring two tries and Gabriel Burroughs scoring one, but it was not enough to match their superior opponents.

Charlie Paget was the Sports' star player as he gave everything.

The under-12s put in an improved performance this week, as they defeated Cwmavon 42 points to 10.

The Sports scored five tries in the first half and converted one. Both sides opted to abandon conversions after the third try. With a healthy lead at half time, the Sports switched off slightly but were still solid in defence to keep control of the game.

The under-13s continue to improve and grow each week, and Risca were their opponents on Sunday.

The team produced a result to demonstrate how they have improved, as with no less than six players away, injured or ill, they took on a physical, full-strength Risca side and outscored them five tries to three to win the game 33-19.

Sports' try scorers were Callum Lewis, Connor Jones and Megan Lewis; Callum Jones and Jack Morgan added the conversions.

The under-15s hosted Beddau and in the true spirit of the game shared players with their opponents who were depleted in numbers.

The Sports enjoyed a blistering start as they raced into a 19-0 lead, but the half ended 24-19 as the visitors scored three tries.

The second half saw more tries for both sides and, when needed, the Sports raised their game, but it was a performance that felt very stop-start.

Man of the match was awarded to Rhys Vaughan. Archie Faulkner-Lerway, David Heard, Morgan Rees and Jack Davies all put in 100 per cent as they rotated appearances for Beddau.

Sports try scorers were Sam Goodwin (2), Morgan Rees, Rhys Vaughan (4) and Mac Francis with conversions from Sam Goodwin (3) and Owain Peters.

The final score was Bridgend Sports 48, Beddau 31.

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Owners urged to control their dogs as cost of livestock attacks increase

SHEEP and other farm animals worth £285,000 were attacked by dogs in Wales last year.

One in six owners admit their dog has escaped from home, sparking concerns that unsupervised pets are attacking livestock.

The peak time for attacks is January to April, during the lambing period.

The results are from a Petbuzz Market Research survey of 1,232 UK pet owners from January 16 to 24, 2019.

Rural insurer NFU Mutual is mounting a new campaign urging dog owners to keep their pets under control, after new figures reveal the cost of dog attacks on livestock more than doubled in Wales last year.

NFU Mutual estimates that the total cost of livestock worrying to the UK farming industry exceeded £1.2m last year.

There was a huge rise in the cost of attacks in 2018, resulting in a 113-per-cent increase which is estimated the total cost to Welsh agriculture was £285,000.

Although new research shows more dog owners are putting their pets on leads when livestock are nearby, the insurer is increasingly concerned by reports that many attacks are being caused by dogs which have been let out in gardens, escaping and attacking sheep in neighbouring fields.

The research revealed that one in six owners admitted their dog had escaped from home and 52 per cent are allowing their pets to go out in the garden unaccompanied when they are not at home.

Dog attacks on farm animals can result in horrific and often fatal injuries. Even if a dog doesn't make contact, the distress of the chase can cause sheep to die and miscarry their lambs.

According to the research, 87 per cent of dog owners exercise their pets in the countryside, with more than 60 per cent letting them roam off the lead. However, if there is a sign warning dog owners that livestock are in a field, more people (95 per cent) are putting their dogs on the lead - up from 90 per cent in 2018.

The number of dog owners who said their pet had chased livestock in the past was 6 per cent.

Most dog owners (61 per cent) would try to stop a dog chasing a sheep in the countryside and supported measures to crack down on the problem of livestock worrying. Three quarters of dog owners said they would support heavy fines, 66 per cent would support a ban on dogs from livestock fields during lambing season, while 57 per cent would back laws enabling DNA testing of dogs and 42 per cent would support owners being banned from keeping dogs if their pet had been involved in an attack.

Merfyn Roberts, Senior Agent at NFU Mutual in North Wales, said: "As the insurer of three-quarters of the UK's farmers, we are sadly all too aware of the heartbreak and distress that dog attacks cause. For small farmers in Wales in particular, livestock worrying is devastating because it has a huge impact on their productivity. While insurance can cover the cost of replacing stock killed and the treatment of injured animals, there is a knock-on effect on breeding programmes that can take years to overcome."

With many families expected to visit the countryside over the coming months, the insurer is urging dog owners to keep their pets on a lead at all times in the countryside and for people to report out-of-control dogs to a local farmer or the police.

Advice on preventing dogs attacking livestock is available from NFU Mutual's website: www.nfumutual.co.uk/news-and-stories/preventing-dog-attacks-on-farm-animals.

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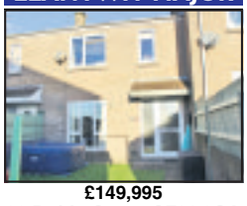
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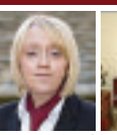

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Family Notices

SIMPSON
David

(94 years old)

It is with great sadness the family of David announce his death at Llandough Hospital on 25th February 2019. The most loving husband of 53 years to Tina, loving dad to Jane and Scott. Loving grandad to Kayleigh and Robin, great grandad to Veronica, also loved dad of Noel in America.

We will all miss him.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 13th March at 3pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for the Wallich Clifford Community c/o the funeral director.

The family look forward to meeting David's friends to celebrate his long and happy life at the Market Street Club afterwards.

SELLEY
Clive John

Peacefully after a long illness at The Bellavista Nursing Home, Cardiff Bay, aged 79 years. Beloved husband of Jane, much loved dad and father-in-law to Mark and Rebecca. Cherished grampy to Tom and Olivia.

Clive will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 1st March at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Alzheimer's Society c/o the funeral director.

HELLYAR
Howard Peter

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, 21st February. Loving husband of Marilyn, much loved dad of Peter, David and Francesca. Special bampie to Kimberley, her husband Nicholas and the late Candice.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until his service at St Helen's RC Church on Friday, 8th March 2019 at 10.30am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

No flowers by request. Donations in memory of Howard can be made to Kidney Research UK.

JENKINS-GARNIER
Josephine Anne

Jo passed away peacefully in Jersey on 8th February, aged 54 years with her loving Pete by her side.

Funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Tuesday, 12th March at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Jersey Hospice Care, Clarkson House, Le Mont, Cochon, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 3JB.

LUPTON
Harold

Peacefully at home on 18th February in the arms of his devoted wife Marian (Kim), Harold passed away.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel, Barry on Monday, 4th March at 11am, followed by interment at Cardiff & Vale Natural Burial Ground, Coedarhydyglyn Park, Cardiff, CF5 6SF.

No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice For Wales Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX in memory of Harold.

EVANS
Terrie Lynda

On Tuesday, 19th February, Terrie, passed away peacefully at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, aged 61 years, after fighting cancer for seven long years. Much loved and already missed wife of David. Mother of Leigh, Marc, Laura and Joseph. Adored nanny of Ellie-Mae, Amelia, Sofia, and Emilie. Sister to Christine and Vivienne.

Terrie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major on Friday, 1st March at 2.30pm, followed by a celebration of her life at The West House Hotel, Llantwit Major. Immediate family to attend the burial at Llantwit Major Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations in her memory can be made to Marie Curie (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/terrielyndaevans).

ROWE
Walter John

Peacefully at home on Sunday, 17th February 2019, aged 77 years, Wally, loving husband of the late Jan Rowe. Much loved father of Debbie and Nickie, bampi to Brigitte and Zoe. Father-in-law to Lindsay and Nichola.

Wally will be whole heartedly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 6th March, service 1pm at St Curig's Church, Porthkerry followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery. Family flowers only.

FAWCETT
Jean

Died suddently on Sunday, 17th February 2019 at the Manor House, St Hilary, aged 91 years. Much loved mother of Gillian, loved by her son-in-law Andrew.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 11th March, service 11am at Llanblethian Church. Donations, if desired, to Llanblethian Church.

COMBER
Jean Anne

Sadly but peacefully on 9th February, aged 98 years. Beloved wife of the late Jimmy, much loved mother of Margaret and loving mother-in-law to Tim. Very special, treasured and never to be forgotten grandmother to Siân and Sandy. Loving grandmother-in-law to Alex and Vicki. Loving great grandmother to Bethany, Carys, Jimmy and Jessie.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral service Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday, 8th March at 12 noon, followed by cremation by Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.15pm.

Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

SLEE
Robert John

Peacefully with family by his side on the 19th February, Bob passed away at Llandough Hospital, aged 92 years. Cherished father to Angela and son-in-law Brian, much loved grandfather to Amy, Kelly and Jonathan; and great grandfather to Finely, Megan, Rowan and Evelyn.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and those who cared for him.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium on Monday, 4th March at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in Bob's memory being welcomed to Tŷ Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX.

Acknowledgements

BALL
Freda

Sue, Jan and Howard wish to thank everyone for their kind words and cards received during this sad time.

We would also like to thank those who attended mum's funeral, Rachel from A.G. Adams Funeralcare and Kate Weston for her tribute.

CLAY
Viv

Edna and family sincerely thank everyone for the support and kindness shown on the death of their beloved Viv.

'Dosvedanya'

GRIST
Michael Wilfred
R.I.B.A.

Michael's family would like to thank all neighbours, friends, family and work colleagues for their attendance at his funeral and for all their support, condolences and kind messages received during this sad time. We have been deeply touched and are very grateful.

Additional thanks must go to the Llantwit Major First Responders, A&E Department and IC Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital; also to the Reverend Rhian Prime, and W. James & Sons Funeral Directors of Fonmon. To all, our sincere thanks for their highly valued professional services.

In Memory

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Mum *xxx*

TINTO
Rose

1st March 2014

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Bill, Karen & Christopher xxx

Public Notice

LICENSING ACT 2003
Section 17 (5)
Notice of Application for a Premises Licence

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **PREMISES LICENCE** To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 08.30 to 17.00 hours and Friday 08.30 to 16.30 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk. Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:- Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB
NAME OF APPLICANT: Mr Steffan Jones
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DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 20th March 2019. This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely BCBC, on 20th February 2019, for 28 consecutive days. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is unlimited.

(1) This must include details of activities, type of entertainment and appropriate days and times.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

RICHARD O'HALLORAN of 151 DYFFRYN Y COED, CHURCH VILLAGE, PONTYCLUN, CF38 1QB is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To keep an extra 3 goods vehicles and 3 trailers at the operating centre at 11 EAST SIDE, CAMBRIAN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE EAST SIDE, COEDCAE LANE, TALBOT GREEN, CF72 9EW. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Morris Line Engineering Limited of **Morris House, South Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3RB** is applying for a licence to use **Morris House, South Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3RB** as an operating centre for **1 goods vehicle** and **0 trailers.**

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, Stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

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OLIVE VIOLET DAVIES
(Deceased)

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Nancy Davidge
Happy 96th Birthday
on 6th March 2019
Love from Gaye, Gary, Walkiria, Jasmine, Naomi & Nicole
xxx

Happy Birthday Nancy Davidge
on 6th March 2019
Best wishes from all your friends at The GEM.

MANDY JENKINS (ROBINSON)
Happy 50th Birthday
on 1st March 2019

To a wonderful daughter, wife, sister and mum.
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Mum, Tony, Gaynor, Tim, Nathan & Shannon xxx

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Baseball strikes Barry!

COMPETITIVE baseball has hit Barry, as Wales' only competitive team have been training in the Vale this winter.

Cardiff Merlins, who were set up last year, have brought their winter training to Barry's Colcot Sports Centre.

The club is hoping that the hard work they have been putting in during the winter months in Barry will lead to success on the field as they compete in the South West Baseball League later this year.

Calling on players from the Vale, Cardiff and the Valleys, Cardiff Merlins took part in a development season last year in which they played a number of friendly matches against teams from England.

After being accepted into the league last month, the club will be representing Wales as they take on teams from Bristol and Weston super Mare, as well as teams from Devon and Cornwall.

Ed Peebles, the club's coach, welcomed the opportunity that playing at Barry's Colcot Sports Centre has given the club.

He said: "We wouldn't have been able to get in the amount of training that we have over the winter if we hadn't been able to train at Colcot Sports Centre. The work we are doing here in Barry is crucial if we are to hit the ground running once our first competitive season starts in April.

"We have had support from Admiral Insurance and Sport Wales, but we are always on the lookout for new sponsors and new players who are interested in being involved in what is, at present, Wales' only competitive baseball team.

"Anyone who would like to get involved in any way, please get in touch with us."

Cardiff Merlins Baseball Club can be contacted through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BaseballCardiff or by emailing cardiffbaseball@gmail.com.

Cowbridge CC sign international cricketer

AN international cricketer, Yodhin Punja, has committed himself to play for Cowbridge for the forthcoming season. Yodhin is a fast bowler who has been regularly clocked bowling at in excess of 80 miles per hour as well as being a fast scoring middle order batsman.

Yodhin was born in India but had moved to Dubai at a young age and represented the United Arab Emirates in full one-day international against Hong Kong in November 2015, making him the youngest cricketer to play at that level.

Yodhin re-located to the United Kingdom to do A-levels at Claremont School in Sussex. From Claremont Yodhin played for Sussex the county second XI. Now a student at Cardiff Met University Yodhin liked up with Cowbridge's Brad Evans and was delighted to link up with Cowbridge.

Cowbridge captain Chris Willey commented: "It's not everyday a club gets to link up with a player of Yodhin's quality. I am delighted he's going to be part of our side this year.

"To think that in Yodin and Brad Evans we have two opening bowlers with first-class experience added to the accurate Tom Williams and the excellent Sam Routledge as well as local lads Sam Russel, Heath Webb Tom Harper and Rian Thomas."

Cowbridge are determined that this year they will go one better than their second place of last year and in having Yodhin Punja join them they have made a significant step forward.

JRB

Barrivale Bridge Club results

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on Tuesday, February 19:

1. Jenny Vaughan & Sarah Amos 63.69 per cent, 2. Mick Green & Denis Mottram 62.50 per cent, 3. Irene Thomas & Jane Brook 54.76 per cent. The handicap winners were Alan Rees and Pat Price.

New members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us please ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new to bridge playing, may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP.

LH

Cheltenham preview evening

STEVE Jones (Templegate of The Sun newspaper), Vale trainer Tim Vaughan, his stable jockey Alan Johns and Andrew Lowrie of Optimum Racing will be the guest speakers at a Cheltenham Festival Preview Evening at the Barry West End Club on Friday, March 8.

Entrance is by ticket only and includes a hot buffet - call Andrew on 01446 722463 for more details.

Brian Lee

The Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

DIVISION 1: Special Angels 242 (J. Abram 29), Cigar Ladies 266 (L. Webb 29); Barry Stars 253 (L. Lambeth 30), Bakers Dozen 239 (A. Harris 26); Space Finders 334 (D. Escott 32), Allsorts 323 (J. Jones 33); Sea View Gals 256 (C. Davies 27), Family Affair 278 (S. Evans 31); Family & Friends 240 (G. Brown & C. Mathews 24), Fallen Angels 232 (P. Mepham 25); Cadoxton Con Fillies 249 (L. Old 28), La Bells 227 (E. Cordy 25).

Division 2: Rhoose Starlights 245 (S. McAteer. L. Davies & L. Oliver 23), Bobby's Girls 249 (A. Seldon 28); Challengers 216 (D. Collard 26), Breakaways 271 (B. Thurston 29); Airways Angels 204 (E. Jones 28), Persuaders 242 (L. Organ 27); Bandits 175 (B. Stevenson & C. Evans 23), Red Admiral 238 (L. Williams 28); Clickies 212 (M. Thomas & K. Watts 27), Rugby Triers 210 (N. Ray 25).

Division 3: Westenders 260 (M. Condon 33), Dolly Mixtures 262 (L. Marsh 30); Liberals 242 (J. Hawkins 24), Sea View Ladies 253 (K. Davey 27); Merry Makers 198 (H. Davies 26), Little Devils 198 (L. Bowsher 22); Off the Rails 270 (J. Cattle 28), Witches 223 (Y. Curnow 25); Witchill Widows 308 (N. Barnfield 33), Hillbillies 316 (J. Lambeth 32).

Division 4: Twilights 205 (S. Davies 24), Socialites 157 (P. Starr & J. Marks 23); Little Misfits 167 (D. Eason 19), Bimbos 174 (S. Harding 23); Odd Bods 229 (T. Perry 28), Nite Outers 197 (M. Hudson 22); Rebels 193 (A. Phillips 26), Optimists 168 (S. Palmer 22).

HB

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for the last two weeks are as follows:

February 18: first David Melville and David Birt 69.17 per cent; second John Evans and Steve Burgoyne 64.58 per cent; third Debbie and Simon Richards 61.25 per cent.

February 25 (WBU St David's Day Sims): first Mike Best and Mia Deschepper 69.16 per cent;second Debbie and Simon Richards 62.56 per cent; third Julia Evans and David Griffiths 58.90 per cent.

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On and off the turf with Brian Lee

OGMORE-BY-SEA'S Christian Williams and his younger brother Nick had plenty to smile about on Sunday.

Christian made the 311 mile trip to Carlisle where his 10-year-old *Conas Taoi* landed the Live Racing TV On Facebook Handicap Chase under Paddy Brennan and Nick travelled to the Ross Harriers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases, held for the first time at Monmouth Showground, where his *Robbina* won the first division of The Jockey Club Open Maiden Race For Mares and Fillies.

Owned by Mr Wayne Rowles and ridden by Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor, *Robbina*, who has been placed five times over hurdles, won by three lengths from the pacemaking *Bluebell Sally*.

The day's riding honours went to Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft who had to "work hard'' to land the Mixed Open Race on Kevin Salter's 11-year-old bay gelding *Spencer Moon* which took up the running four fences from the finish and went on to beat *Vasco Du Mee* by 15 lengths.

Spencer Moon, an 11-year-old bay gelding by Dr Massini, is trained by Luke Price and was winning for the fifth time in a row.

Moorcroft, who is riding better than ever, made it a double when taking the second division of the Seven-Year-Olds And Over Open Maiden on the Carmarthen-qualified *Corbett Court* which came home three lengths ahead of the Glamorgan horse *Rio Bravo* which made a lot of the early running.

Another rider to come away with a double was Tom O' Brien who took the second division of the Mares' race on Lord Lipsey's *Get Rio* and division one of the Aged Maiden on Grove Castle.

The French-bred *King's Cross,* owned and trained by Daniel Bourne and qualified with the Monmouthshire Hunt, gave Chris Davies a first win between-the flags when landing the Ross Harriers Conditions Race.

Chris, who has ridden 18 winners under Rules, is a grandson of Chepstow trainer Milton Bradley who, more years ago than I care to remember, had a very good point-to-point mare called *Octroi* which was always ridden by Celia Conley.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR JACK

JACK Tudor (16), from Merthyr Mawr, chalked-up his second winner under Rules when landing the RacingTV.Com Hands And Heels Handicap Hurdle over three miles and two furlongs at Warwick last Friday, February 22, on the top-weighted *Uno Mas* **trained by Ogmore-By-Sea's Christian Williams.**

Uno Mas, which was winning for the third time on the bounce, won by two lengths from *Goodnight Charlie* and was returned the 10-3 favourite.

Assistant trainer Nick Williams, Christian's younger brother, said: "It's great for Josh to ride a winner and *Uno Mas* has been brilliant for us. We keep running him as that is what he thrives on.''

BUYWISE IS RETIRED

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams has announced the retirement of his stable star *Buywise***, a winner of £213,770 in prize money.**

The popular 12-year-old, which often received fan mail was pulled up in a hurdle race at Exeter last Friday and Williams told the press: "He's been hurdling as we thought we would try him for his last couple of runs but his time has come. He's been a wonderful horse for us.''

Owned by Hywel Jones, *Buywise* won the Silver Trophy Chase at Cheltenham in 2014 and the Veterans' Final at Sandown among other big races.

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons 8, Rhoose Social 7; Moors Boys 6, West End Runaways 9; Liberals 7, West End 8.

League table: Rhoose Social 141, Liberals 137, Wyndham Cons 137, West End Runaways 127, Cadoxton Cons 122, West End 121, Moors Boys 115.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

West End D 6.5, Slammers 0.5; Rugby Club 5, Liberals A 2; Rhoose Social C 6, Rhoose Social B 1; Liberals C 2.5, Allsorts 4.5; Barry Town FC 6, Rhoosters 1; Barries Boys 5, Sea View Exiles 2; West End C 7, Cambrian Flyers 0; King William XII 4, Rhoose Social A 3.

League table: Sea View Exiles 92.5, West End C 84.5, West End D 84.0, Allsorts 82.5, Barry Town FC 78.0, Rhoosters 78.0, King William XII 76.5, Rhoose Social A 72.5, Rhoose Social C 72.0, Rugby Club 71.5, Slammers 61.0, Rhoose Social B 54.0, Liberals A 52.5, Liberals C 51.5, Barries Boys 49.5, Cambrian Flyers 31.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street B 4, Penarth Cons A 1; West End C 5, Market Street B 0; Cadoxton Wildcats 0, Cadoxton Cons Z 5; Penarth Cons A 4, Liberators 1; Rhoose Social B 1, Savoy A 4; Harbour B 4, West End C 1; Cadoxton Cons B 4, Wyndham Cons A 1.

League table: Harbour B 68, West End C 67, Savoy A 64, Cadoxton Cons Z 57, Wyndham Cons A 55, Cadoxton Cons B 50, Penarth Cons A 44, Rhoose Social B 35, Cadoxton Wildcats 31, Market Street B 28, *Liberators 27.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Penarth Cons B 3, West End B 2; Rhoose Social C 4, Harbour A 1; Savoy B 5, Market Street C 0; Sully Sports A 0, Wyndham Cons D 5; Services Social B 4, Cadoxton Cons A 1.

League table: Savoy B 64, Rhoose Social C 61, Penarth Cons B 56, Cadoxton Cons A 55, *Services Social B 52, Market Street C 50, Wyndham Cons D 50, Harbour A 47, West End A 40, Sully Sports A 36, West End B 30 (* = points deducted).

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

The Barry and District Men's Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

Cannon Balls 276 (T O'Sullivan 29), Geest 287 (L Galsworthy 30); Merrymen 290 (S Jones 30), Bunker Boys 283 (K Jeynes 33); Billy Whizz 276 (J Snook 33), KP Rejects 156 (L Campbell, T Payne, J Barrett, M Dawe 16); Posties 287 (S Nash 31), Blue Monkey 274 (N Phillips 29); Sea View 361 (K Pycroft 38), British Rail 319 (P Coombes 35); 49ers 306 (R Mckay, J Gee 31), Willie Wombles 283 (B Gratton 31).

League table: 49ers 32, Geest 22, Posties 18, Merrymen 16, Billy Whizz 15, Blue Monkey 14, Bunker Boys 14, Sea View 13, Willie Wombles 13, KP Rejects 12, British Rail 11, Cannon Balls 8.

DIVISION 2:

Witchill Poachers 330 (C Copp, R Ashby 33), BP Breakaways 318 (J Gee 36); Barry Park B 261 (P Weir 26), Mighty Dockers 249 (C Collins 27); Cavaliers 268 (B Kilgour 32), H Bells 265 (B Whitlock 30); Tynny Lads 285 (J Kerslake 31), Park Lads 276 (M Whyman Jnr 30); Colcot Boys 259 (J James 32), Ex-Servicemen 252 (G Dent, B Saunders 27); Exiles 281 (D Norris 29), Hairy Lemons 285 (S Larson 32).

League table: Park Lads 26, H Bells 20, Cavaliers 20, Hairy Lemons 18, Mighty Dockers 16, Colcot Boys 14, Barry Park B 14, Ex-Servicemen 14, Tynny Lads 13, Exiles 13, Witchill Poachers 12, BP Breakaways 12.

DIVISION 3:

Abercrete 292 (D Selby 28), Cocoa Nuts 262 (Math James 31); Royalists 296 (I Tambling 28), Alternatives 257 (S Davies 30); CUD 235 (B Williams 26), Billy Bluebirds 254 (A Curtis 27).

League table: Park Rangers 22, Billy Bluebirds 18, Cocoa Nuts 16, Witchill Nomads 15, Castle Boys 14, Abercrete 14, Alternatives 14, Royalists 13, Glenbrook Flyers 12, C.U.D. 10, Master Mariner 0.

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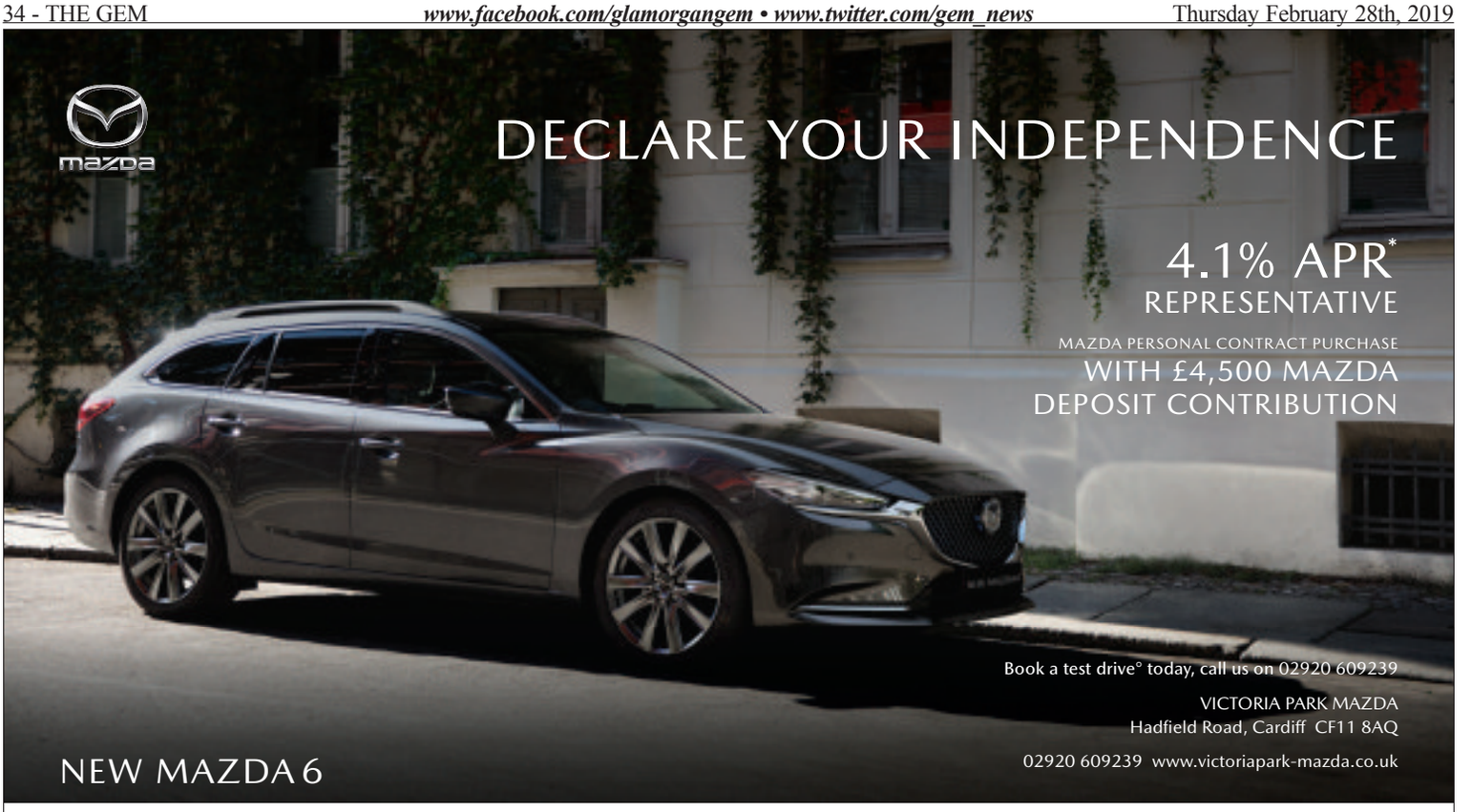

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Barry Town United take share of the spoils in top of the table clash

WHILE rugby fans were hitting bars across Cardiff city centre on Saturday night, Barry Town and Connah's Quay Nomads were left punch-drunk at Jenner Park, where no fewer than three efforts rebounded back off the crossbar, leaving the two JD Welsh Premier League championship rivals to contemplate a hard-fought 1-1 draw.

It was a clash of styles and indeed philosophies between the sides in third and first place, with Barry's high-speed passing play and team fluidity a marked difference to Connah's Quay's traditionally-direct, long-ball attacking game. The contrast made for an absorbing contest under the ground's fixed floodlights.

Still basking in the glow of his stunning 96th-minute equaliser at TNS the prior weekend, Jonathan Hood led the charge for Barry, rippling the net with an assured, low drive, after persistence from Jordan Cotterill out left and a decoy drift from Mo Touray left the forward free in rich space.

Despite starting in confident style, Barry's lead though would last a mere 10 minutes, with Michael Bakare firing high into the top corner to level, after Town goalkeeper Mike Lewis had been controversially felled in the build-up.

Initially, it appeared referee Mark Petch had issued a free-kick, penalising former Stoke City striker Andrew Owens for a pull on defender Luke Cooper, or for manhandling Lewis, as the players competed for an aerial set-piece ball.

Instead, Barry's Curtis Watkins was ostensibly cast as the perpetrator of Lewis' downfall, prompting catcalls from home supporters towards the official, as Paul Morgan was reprimanded for his own protests, one of eight yellow cards in all.

Jonathan Hood (right) opened the scoring - see more pictures by RHYS SKINNER at glamorgan-gem.co.uk/sport.

By the interval, both Cooper and Callum Morris had joined Morgan in his book, but there would be no further scoring, in spite of Nomads twice threatening.

With 39 minutes played, another penetrating free-kick from Connah's Quay caused problems for the Barry Town defence, with goalkeeper John Danby's long, upfield delivery flicked onwards and headed by Adam Barton, right against the goalpost.

Then, in first-half stoppage-time, Lewis would punch the ball free from under his crossbar before Nomads wasted the follow-up shot.

As the game approached the hour, the bar battering really began, as Michael Wilde saw his effort come crashing back off the crossbar in the midst of a madcap scramble, one that saw Clayton Green block a seemingly-certain goal.

On 64 minutes it was Chris Hugh's turn to try his luck and the Wales futsal cap proved himself adept with the ball off the ground as well, leaving the frame of the goal rattling with a sublime, crossbar-crunching effort from distance.

Then, as the clock lingered towards the 70th minute, veteran Nomads midfielder Danny Harrison had a long-range pop of his own and while Lewis was left rooted to the spot, Harrison could himself only clip the crossbar.

In the final 20 minutes, the Nomads looked to their long-throw specialist Jake Phillips to initiate the breakthrough, forcing saves out of Lewis at each post.

Meanwhile, in a heart-racing moment that almost swung things in Barry's favour, Kayne McLaggon found success on the right and set up Hood, who fired just wide.

It would be the ex-Southampton forward's final contribution, as he made way for Drew Fahiya, a wise addition of fresh legs, in spite McLaggon's strong shift.

Looking to increase their delicate points advantage over Barry and champions TNS, Nomads would ramp up the offence in pursuit of a winner, with Bakare forcing a robust response out of Lewis, who did well to hold his shot.

With Troy Greening replacing Cotterill in a role reversal from the previous Saturday, Barry were under real pressure, yet the players scrapped doggedly to keep their visitors from Deeside frustrated, repelling a string of late corners.

Firing over from close range, a last-ditch header would then elude John Disney at the back post, denying him the kind of fairytale finish befitting his name.

While missing the drama of the draw at TNS, or indeed the Welsh comeback in Cardiff hours earlier, Saturday's showdown was an entertaining ding-dong and one that keeps both in the mix, as the chase for the WPL crown continues at speed.

This coming Saturday, attention now switches to the JD Welsh Cup tournament, in particular, the multi-layered quarter-final at Jenner Park between Barry Town and Cambrian and Clydach (7.30pm kick-off).

Admission for the quarter-final tie, which must be settled on the night, is available via the Barry Road and Gladstone Road turnstiles; with high drama in store should history repeat itself and another penalty shoot-out be required.

AC

Goldsworthy the difference as Llantwit Major claim tough win

Jamie Miller rides a Ton Pentre tackle.

LLANTWIT Major AFC welcomed Ton Pentre to Windmill Lane, who were lying at the bottom of the league table.

Manager Karl Lewis made a number of changes to the starting line-up due to players' unavailability in the coming weeks, as he wanted to give the players coming into the side some game time.

Llantwit were slow out of the starting blocks in the opening quarter of the game and it was Ton Pentre who were the better of the two sides and had the majority of the play. They were unlucky not to score in the 42nd minute when, from a well-rehearsed corner kick, they hit the crossbar from a shot 15 yards out.

It was not until the 44th minute that Llantwit created a goal scoring opportunity when right back Jamie Miller picked up a loose pass in midfield and drove forward and passed to right wing Conner Goldsworthy who put a cross into the Ton Pentre six-yard-box for Rob Jones to shoot over as the defender challenged him.

Half-time arrived with the game scoreless and the second half was a repeat of the first half with neither goalkeeper being troubled and both teams finding it difficult to create any goalscoring opportunities.

It was not until the 71st minute that the Ton Pentre keeper was called upon to make his first save when he had to deal with a header from defender Sean Williams following a Llantwit corner.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 80th minute when a long ball out of defence by Llantwit was flicked on by centre forward Max Morgan to Connor Goldsworthy, who broke through and calmly shot past the advancing Ton Pentre keeper to score in the far corner of the goal.

The final score was 1-0 to Llantwit Major and they will be relieved to have won this game despite not playing very well.

This win now extends their fine record of only one defeat in the last seven league games and moves them up to sixth in the league table.

Llantwit Major's next league game will be away to Afan Lido on Saturday, March 2, 2.30pm kick off.

Llantwit Major: Jack Lansdown, Jamie Miller, Kristian Evans, Sean Williams, Glyn Davies (Jonathan Fletcher 57), Darren Robinson (c) (Kristian Smith 72), Connor Goldsworthy, Mike Hartley, Jonathan Butler, Rob Jones (Nathan Jones 65), Max Morgan. Substitutes not used: Lewis Brown, Josh Jones.

DJ

News from Barry RFC

LOOKING to get their promotion challenge back on track after the disappointment at Llantwit Fardre, Barry RFC are back in league action this weekend when they entertain Heol Y Cyw at the Reservoir Field this Saturday, kick-off at 2.30pm.

The second XV are also due to entertain Llanishen with the same kick-off time.

The lottery rolls over again as last week's numbers of 06, 11, 17 and 23 failed to produce a winner - four tickets matched three numbers to win £10. The jackpot this week will be £3,800.

AJ

Seniors in action

ST Mary's senior section's first competition of the week was an individual Stableford played over the full course of 18 holes.

The field of 28 welcomed the improving weather, but the going remained a little heavy with very little run on the ball. This had little impact on the scoring, however, with all three placings bettering the par of 36 points.

Gareth Thomas took third prize with a net 37, just one behind second placed Bryant Thomas. Phil Hatton secured the win with a score of 39.

The section's second competition of the week was a team Stableford played over 16 holes on the warmest February day for many decades.

For each team of four players, the best two scores were recorded on the odd numbered holes and the best three scores recorded on the even-numbered holes.

Once again the scoring was prolific with the majority of teams returning scores significantly better than the nominal par of 80 points.

The runner-up team comprised Jeff Perkins, Gordon Campbell, Brian Peacock and the in-form Phil Hatton. Their final score of 90 points was just one less than the 91 returned by Gordon Martin, Graham Jones, John Legg and section scribe, Norman Lloyd.

NL

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, February 19 the Highwayman Inn had an excellent result defeating the Farmers Arms 8-1.

However, that was not good enough to close the gap on the league leaders, the Edmondes B, as they won 9-0 against the Red Lion Inn.

In that match Joan Burt (Red Lion Inn) had a high scoring 72 out as well as Martin Thomas (Edmondes B) with a 97 out. Luke Richards (Edmondes B) was unlucky not to record his sixth 180 of the season. His first two darts went into the treble 20, the third dart also going into the treble 20 - but in doing so it knocked out one of the other darts.

Llanharry beat the One Town Hall Square 5-4 and the Edmondes A beat the Edmondes C 7-2. In that match Rhys Jury (Edmondes A) hit his second 180 of the season. In the other match, the Victoria Inn won 6-3 against the Hairy Farmers.

Present league standings after 13 weeks are: Edmondes B (90 points), Highwayman Inn (84), Edmondes A (75), Victoria Inn (55), Farmers Arms and Llanharry (53), Hairy Farmers (47), Edmondes C and One Town Hall Square (38) and the Red Lion Inn (16).

Next week, Tuesday March 5, Llanharry Workingmen's Club hosts the Men's and Ladies' Doubles knock-out competition. The action will start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

CAVC student Kathryn to represent Wales in netball

CARDIFF and Vale College sport student Kathryn Titley has been selected to represent Wales in netball.

Kathryn, who comes from Bridgend, was picked for the Wales under-17 team which will be competing in the Netball Europe competition held in Huddersfield from March 1.

"I am over the moon to be selected – I feel like all of my hard work has paid off and I am really excited," she said.

"All of my family will be coming to Huddersfield to watch me take part in the competition."

Kathryn plays for the college's Netball Academy, which is part of CAVC's growing range of Sport Academies. The academies are designed to provide a supportive and specialist environment that combines first-class coaching and sports facilities with the college's expanding portfolio of courses. Players can study A Levels or vocational courses while training to be the netball stars of the future.

The Netball Academy, which trains and plays its home games at Cardiff City House of Sport, is coached by Kyra Jones who has represented Wales at the Netball World Cup and Commonwealth Games.

"Kyra has helped me a lot during the short period that I have been at the college," Kathryn said. "She has encouraged and helped me, not only with my skills but with my confidence as well.

"I would love a career in netball. I've always enjoyed it and never want that to stop."

It has been a successful year for the CAVC Netball Academy so far. Three players were recently selected for the Welsh Netball under-21 Performance Training Centres for their regions: Charlotte Lewis for the South East, Seren Evans for Central South and Amy Bradbury for Central South.

CB

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Well, who'd have thought it? In the end, it was England who couldn't stand the heat!

THERE are a fair number of Welsh rugby fans who are optimists, so they may have predicted a win over England at the Principality Stadium, *writes Philip Irwin*.

Other Welsh fans had their fingers crossed and hoped for a victory, but it is doubtful if any of them envisaged the manner of that triumph.

Given the power on display when England upset the Irish applecart, surely Warren Gatland's men would have to defend heroically and grab their chances when they came?

In fact, the English attacking force, led by Jonny May, Henry Slade, Elliot Daly and Manu Tuilagi, made no real impact on the game.

What is more, the longer the game wore on, the more Wales took charge, and the final 9 to 3 penalty count showed how certain English players lost their focus.

In fact, that count should have been 9-2, because referee Jaco Peyper started the match ominously (from the Welsh point of view) penalising Justin Tipuric for a low tackle on Billy Vunipola, ruling it as a 'no arms' offence.

That penalty kick was taken by Daly, who normally knocks them over casually from half way, but this effort, from about 40 metres, was dragged wide.

That was the first significant action in what turned out to be a ferociously intense first half but, with the benefit of hindsight, the cracks in Eddie Jones' machine were visible quite early.

In the first six minutes, two tactical high kicks (one by Ben Youngs and one by Owen Farrell) were way off, going pretty much vertical and giving the England chasers no momentum at all.

Welsh fans (and Warren Gatland) had faith in Farrell when he was the Lions' outside half in New Zealand, so it was a bonus for the home side that he would go on to have probably his worst game for England.

However, Wales' kicking in the first half wasn't great either, and they had another grim day in the line-out, so it was England who applied most of the pressure.

Much has been made of John Mitchell's influence on England's defensive system, with 'line speed' this year's buzzword, and Shaun Edwards is quite keen on that too, so various ball carriers took huge hits, and it says a lot for their strength that they were able to hang on to the ball and make it available.

It was, however, slow ball and both scrum halves were short of attacking options.

Wales were first to overdo the line speed, getting off side and Farrell pegged them back in their 25 but a series of pick and goes helped Wales clear the danger.

After 10 minutes, Wales scrum half Gareth Davies was up quick to rattle Farrell by charging down his kick. The outside half was relieved to see it ricochet to Jack Nowell, but Davies was lightning on the follow up and tackled the England right wing, before the defence managed to tidy things up.

Welsh line out troubles enabled England to move upfield and, on 17 minutes, the home team were penalised at a scrum in front of the posts and Farrell made it 3 - 0. It was scant consolation that summariser Brian Moore thought the penalty should have gone the other way.

Five minutes later, Wales put together a period of possession that made some very hard yards, and finally won a penalty about 20 metres out, which Gareth Anscombe kicked to level the scores.

Soon after, England took the lead with a try. Wales infringed and England used the penalty advantage period to launch an attack through the middle and from that, open-side flanker Tom Curry, who had a tremendous game, took advantage of a disorganised fringe defence to break through and score. Farrell converted to make it 10 - 3.

Contrasting emotions. Kyle Sinckler walks by as Gareth Anscombe and Josh Adams celebrate the Welsh victory.

I think it's fair to say that there were two big moments in the last 10 minutes of the first half.

First, Wales put together a promising attack, and Anscombe opted for a chip over the onrushing defence. Henry Slade charged it down and was within a whisker of being in the clear.

A desperate tackle came in, but the danger was not over, as Ben Young chipped into space and it needed Liam Williams to show straight line speed, and a cool head, to tidy up.

On 34 minutes, Josh Navidi made a diving interception and Wales used the turnover ball to advance into the 22, where England found themselves doggedly defending their line.

When England finally put in a clearing kick, we had the second big moment. Hadleigh Parkes had about 15 metres on Jonny May, and up until this point, England's 'Ferrari' had barely touched the ball, but it was scary, watching the wing eat up the yards on Parkes, before forcing him into touch five yards out. There was just time for the line out.

You didn't need to be a rugby tactician to work out how crucial this was - although May's roar of delight gave a clue.

However, Wales survived this test of character, defending the driving maul, and then coping with Farrell's cross kick, before putting the ball out of play and heading in for the half-time debrief from the coaching staff.

It felt to me that England had shaded what had been an intense arm-wrestle of a half, but the stats showed that Wales had more possession and territory, and that England had been forced to make more tackles.

That heat only increased as the second half wore on, and it turned out to be England who couldn't stand it.

Play restarted with Alun Wyn Jones catching Josh Navidi by surprise with a quick pass. The ball was spilled and England put together a promising attack which only ended when Farrell's kick was charged down.

England continued to probe and, from one blind-side attack, Farrell was nearly away, but put a foot in touch.

On 47 minutes, Wales were given a free kick and opted for the scrum - a sign perhaps that they felt the pack were taking control. Three minutes later Anscombe cross kicked for Josh Adams to contest the catch with Jonny May. The England man took it but referee Peyper awarded Wales a penalty, which Anscombe kicked to make it 10 - 6 to England. The penalty count, it was revealed, had moved to 7 to 2 in Wales' favour.

Play restarted and England were now locked into their kicking game, giving Liam Williams a chance to make two superb catches in succession. He continued disheartening Eddie's men in this vein, and it was no surprise when he was named man of the match, as he regularly turned defence into attack.

On 55 minutes, Kyle Sinckler did his bit to enhance Warren Gatland's reputation. Singled out by the Welsh coach as an "emotional timebomb" he embarked on a crazy five minutes.

After getting involved in a 'heated exchange' that was nothing to do with him, he conceded a penalty when Anscombe chipped ahead. Sinckler will no doubt argue that he simply stood still, and it was the outside half who ran into him, but he gave the game away by leaning into Anscombe, making sure that his shoulder made contact.

Ironically, as referee Peyper awarded the penalty, a stat appeared on screen showing that Kyle was leading the tackle count with 20 - prompting Eddie Butler to muse: "I wonder if that makes it 21?"

Exeter prop Harri Williams was ordered to warm up but there was still time for Sinckler to grab Alun Wyn Jones around the neck and concede another penalty.

Williams replaced him and after the game, Eddie Jones said that the substitution was "purely tactical". But of course, Eddie.

Anscombe kicked that penalty to make it 10 - 9, and England were wobbling, with Owen Farrell doing an impersonation of Dan Biggar in Italy as he sent a kick into touch on the full.

Wales now had a good attacking line out but once again they messed up, as Cory Hill fumbled the catch. England finally saw a chance to run and Tuilagi skinned Parkes on the outside, making 30 yards before Wales could close down the move, but only by conceding a penaly. Farrell kicked it to take the lead back up to four.

Jonathan Davies leads the celebrations after Josh Adams scores the Welsh try that clinched the result in the clash at the Principality Stadium. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY.

Dan Biggar came on at outside half and made clear that his woes in Rome were forgotten. Good football strikers such as Harry Kane can miss a chance but not let it affect them when the next comes along, and Dan is very much in that category.

Wales continued to have most of the possession and, when Hadleigh Parkes made a break, Gareth Davies and Biggar kept the attack moving forward patiently through the phases, until the outside half threw a long pass to George North on the right wing. He couldn't quite get over, but Cory Hill arrived with perfect timing to take a short pass and drive to the line.

He didn't cross but, as they say, the ball only has to touch the line. Biggar's superb conversion made it 16 - 13 and Wales were ahead for the first time with 12 minutes left.

Two minutes later, there was a scare when Gareth Davies' box kick from his own 25 was charged down, but the ball came back to Biggar who, in an instant, conjured up a 50-metre touchfinder!

The final 10 minutes were most impressive from the Welsh point of view - a perfect balance of pushing for another score but taking no risks. They were helped when England lock Courtney Lawes went down with a knee injury, and Wales kept the ball alive for fully three minutes, against the tiring 14 of England.

Josh Adams and Jonathan Davies worked a great chance but, very wisely, neither attempted a miracle pass, opting to take the tackle and recycle the ball.

This spell of Welsh possession and pressure must have broken English hearts, and with two minutes left, the TV cameras contrasted the faces of the two head coaches. Not every picture is worth a thousand words, but these were!

With a minute to go England were penalised in their own 22, so Biggar used the advantage to cross kick to the corner and set up a duel between Elliot Daly and Josh Adams.

Daly did little wrong, but Adams gathered at the second attempt, fell to the ground and reached out to touch down and make it 21 - 13 to Wales. Biggar's conversion just slid by the post.

There was still time for England to restart, and for Josh Adams to take another brilliant catch under pressure, and then it was a case of two carries into the red zone and a tap into touch, in front of an ecstatic Welsh crowd.

Back when Wales made such a sluggish start against France, there were mutterings from the Welsh camp that the team had been training at maximum intensity, aiming to reach a peak against England.

It appears that Mr Gatland got that dead right.

Now it's a case of treating Scotland with all due respect, and holding that peak against Ireland.

A footnote: Call me an old romantic, but I would like to see France get back to playing the rugby we all remember from their past. On the evidence of their game against Scotland, they now have a pair of half-backs who could play there for the next 10 years. Dupont is 22, and Ntamack is 19. Thank the Lord that they didn't start against Wales this year!

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